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THE VOLUNTARY SPIRIT of boys' clubs is characterized by four freedoms and the voluntary principle of the whole movement is based on them. Every member has:

the freedom to belong
the freedom to experiment
the freedom to determine
and the freedom to serve.

When proposing itself as a partner in providing young people with opportunities for the use of leisure, statutory authority recognized the voluntary bodies as equals—since it was they who for many years had pledged their faith in the possibilities of the voluntary principle. This recognition was the basis of Circular 1486 and of the relevant sections of the Butler Act.

During the ten years since the recognition of partnership was first stated its success or failure has generally depended on the willingness of the statutory partner to accept the four freedoms as fundamental to the work of its voluntary counterpart. Without such acceptance by statutory authority there could still be a Youth Service but there would be nothing within it recognizable—by our standards—as a boys' club, and no place for those who believe the four freedoms to be essential to the education of the young citizens of a democratic Christian society.

Experience has shown that in providing facilities for leisure-time activities the wise statutory authority has seen its task as the relief of want without pauperization. It has regarded grant-aid as a stimulant to self-help and has acted as a counsellor, advising the voluntary bodies where development by them was most needed. The unwise statutory authority, on the other hand, has sought to control, to pre-determine and, in extreme cases, to advocate the abolition of voluntary organizations, as a result of which the freedoms have become bridled and might in time be destroyed.

The next decade will be a severe testing time for the voluntary as well as the statutory partner. The former has to conquer the malaise which settles like a blight upon those who are soothed into complacency by thinking that they can "leave it to the State", with no deeper thought of the consequences. The latter has to conquer the desire for a tidy administrative plan at the expense of that freedom of action which is the mainspring of vitality—for plans have a habit of placing constraint upon initiative unless they are interpreted in terms of human need.

The task of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, as one of the partners with the State in a joint enterprise, is to maintain the four freedoms as an essential principle on which there can be no compromise. In doing so it has a great responsibility within its own ranks. Freedom to belong becomes a mockery if respectability or prowess excludes those for whom clubs exist. Freedom to experiment is nothing more than a catch-phrase if opportunity is lacking. Freedom to determine is a high-sounding and nonsensical term if leadership is dominating and aggressive. Freedom to serve is made ludicrous if the need does not challenge and the chance does not inspire.

Both as partner with the State and with its own members, (each of whom has a local role in the partnership) we are mindful of our responsibilities and are constantly seeking to improve the scope and the strength of voluntary effort. By this means we believe that the greatest measure of statutory co-operation can be won in all places where the importance of freedom in this field of activity is understood.

TRAINING OF LEADERS

Leadership will always be the most important factor in boys' clubs—as indeed it must be in every human activity whose strength depends on learning the art of understanding people. It is to be expected, therefore, that the emphasis placed by the Association on the importance of training will continue to be very great and that a large part of our resources will be expended on training.

An Association largely dependent upon voluntary workers must be prepared to make training both palatable and accessible. The Mobile Training Wing, set up late in 1947, is designed to do this and it has proved to be the most successful instrument that we have yet fashioned for training the voluntary worker. It brings elementary training within easy reach of all who take their work in a club sufficiently seriously to want to do it better, and boys' clubs are served by thousands of such men and women. The staff of the wing are skilled in the use of suitable techniques; they know the problems with which club leaders have to deal; they plan to meet the special needs of each area they visit. The demand for their services is so great that a second wing would be formed if resources permitted.

The work of the mobile training wing and of all other methods of training leaders is under the direction of the Recruitment and Training Committee of which Professor M. Ginsberg is the chairman. During the past year this committee has made some adjustments in the curriculum of the courses for full-time leaders held at St. Pierre, Chepstow. This has been done after studying the results of the first two years. The fourth of these courses has now been completed and there is no slackening in the demand for carefully selected and well-trained men to fill the posts in the Association's clubs and, in some cases, in kindred organizations.

Four courses, each lasting one month, have also been held at St. Pierre for those voluntary leaders who can obtain leave of absence from their work. They often sacrifice the whole of their annual holiday as well. These courses have been possible because of most generous aid from the King George's Jubilee Trust. The willingness of firms to release men to attend and the tribute which many of these firms have paid to the importance of boys' clubs have been immensely encouraging.

Public recognition of the Association's work in training came during 1948 in the form of an invitation to take part in an investigation by the Army Man-power Committee into the Soldier's Working Day. The N.A.B.C. was the only voluntary organization assisting in this investigation, and during inquiries lasting for four months there was always one member of the Association's staff in the small team of investigators. The Army Council and the chairman of its Man-power Committee paid high tribute to the skill of the Association's officers.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING

There are few club leaders who do not readily admit that the most important part of their work is that of impressing the urgent need of establishing spiritual values on human conduct and of teaching that God is the origin, source and well-spring of such values. But, as yet, all too few are willing to accept this as their first responsibility. There is, however, a marked increase in the desire to learn how best to shoulder this task, and the call for advice in the presentation of religion to club members has been so great that the Association's staff has been increased to two part-time advisers. They look to the Religious Advisory Committee under the chairmanship of Lord Roche for guidance in the major questions of policy which arise.

RESEARCH

Under the chairmanship of Professor T. H. Marshall, Professor of Social Institutions in the University of London, the Provisional Research Committee has continued to examine the facts about certain important aspects of club work. Its main effort has been directed towards discovering the causes of "leakage", i.e. the reasons why some boys leave clubs after a comparatively short time as members. The broad picture is now sufficiently clear to justify the setting up of hypotheses for further study. The main leakage occurs during the first year, especially in the first six months of membership. There is a proportion of boys, which may be as high as one-third of the total population, who for a variety of reasons cannot satisfy the demands made upon them by a club with a high standard of activities. It is within a small group of about the same intelligence and social background that a boy tends to find satisfaction for his emotional needs, and the integration of a number of small groups into the wider life of the club is a central problem.

Leakage is usually large when new members are not absorbed in small numbers at a time. In order that the club leader may know each of his members and be able to make them feel really at home he must be free from duties which handicap his work of establishing good personal relationships.

If these hypotheses are established they will provide grounds for a critical examination of club work. The Association is more concerned for the boy who has a poor start in life than for the able boy with ample opportunities. To do work of this nature, (which cannot be judged by numbers or by standards of achievement in activities) we need the support of an enlightened public opinion that understands and values the building of character as a first essential.

The Association has welcomed whole-heartedly the recent formation by the King George's Jubilee Trust of a Standing Research and Advisory Committee. Its task will be to promote and direct research bearing on the welfare of the younger generation, especially those in the adolescent age-group.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

In the autumn of 1948 the Scottish Association of Boys' Clubs came of age and the principal events associated with the celebrations were attended by His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester. The President also visited South Wales in the spring of 1949 to take part in the twenty-first anniversary of the South Wales Federation, which is now a part of the Welsh Association of Boys' Clubs.

During the year the Somerset Association of Boys' Clubs was inaugurated. It is the twenty-third county association to be established and the twelfth formed since 1945.

Quantitative and qualitative development through local organizations is the main responsibility of the Development Committee of which Mr. B. L. Q. Henriques has been chairman since 1934. Members of the committee, under the guidance of its vice-chairman, Major A. L. Ashwell, have been engaged for some months on a study of the problems of development which emerged from a week's conference in 1948 and was attended by the secretaries of all the local organizations.

The local organizations of the N.A.B.C. are as autonomous as its affiliated clubs. It was always the intention of the

Association, which is not a grant-aiding body—except in so far as it has special funds available from time to time—that local organizations should raise the funds for their work from local sources. Each one when formed accepted this obligation as a condition of receiving an initial grant from the N.A.B.C. Unfortunately, circumstances have defeated policy and the financial problems of local organizations are increased by the fact that not all local education authorities are willing to grant-aid their work. This situation has given rise to a serious crisis in the finances of many of the N.A.B.C's local organizations.

MEMBERSHIP

The number of clubs affiliated to the Association on 31st March, 1949, was 2,697, with a total membership of 204,000. The increase of clubs since the previous year was 176 with an increase of 9,000 members. Since the end of the war in 1945 there has been an increase of 522 in the number of affiliated clubs and an increase of 28,000 members. Eighty-one per cent. of the members are over fourteen years of age. The decline in the number of boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen in the population of the country has not resulted in any decline in the total membership of the Association, although it may have affected the membership of many clubs. The scope for development remains extensive, particularly if the Association is to do its real work of attracting within its membership those boys who are untouched by any organization. This often happens because more is demanded of them than they are able to give unless they obtain the benefit of inspired leadership in an environment that establishes their self-confidence.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN AID TO BRITAIN FUND

With its grant from this fund the Association has purchased Nash Court, near Tenbury. The house and grounds are on the slope of Clee Hill and overlook the mountains of Radnorshire to the west and the Malvern Hills to the south. A committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Arthur Bull, and including Lieut.-Colonel E. A. Fielden who will preside over the House Committee, has directed the extensive adaptation and equipment of the property which will be used by 1,500 boys for their summer holidays this year. The Association is deeply grateful to the people of South Africa and to the King George's Jubilee Trust who have administered the funds committed to their care by the Speaker's committee which advised the Prime Minister on the use of the gift.

SPECIALIST SERVICES

For many years the Association has been able to offer free advice on the planning of club premises. This has been of great value in ensuring the most efficient and the most economical planning. Now that restrictions on building work are gradually being lifted the demands on the services of our consulting architects are considerable.

The Physical Recreation and Health Committee, under the chairmanship of Brigadier T. H. Wand-Tetley, has examined the tests established before the war in connection with the Association's fitness award. With the aid of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, a limited experiment is being conducted on a revised set of tests presented to each boy in the clubs taking part. It is in the form of a personal challenge couched in terms designed to be understood by him. Particular care has been taken to keep the tests within the scope of the small club with limited facilities.

The Association has been honoured by the selection of its team to represent the post-school age group at Stockholm in the Lingiad to be held in July and August of this year.

Great enthusiasm has again been shown for the national boxing and football competitions organized by the Association under a committee of which Mr. Eric Mobbs is chairman. Over 4,000 boys have taken part in the various stages of these competitions. In the very popular inter-organization events held under the auspices of *The Star* and the *News Chronicle*, the N.A.B.C. team won the football final against the Air Training Corps team and were runners-up to the Army Cadet Force Association in the boxing finals.

The work of our advisers in music, drama and the arts has been mainly centred on the courses at Bakers Cross and the regional festivals. From these events interest is stimulated and the content of club work gradually improved. A small team dealing with so big an organization must work through those who are interested; it must find for them local aid in their work from people who can deal with boys, and thus raise standards and enthusiasm. The training at St. Pierre and the stimulus of the mobile training wing are creating in leaders the desire to give their members every possible opportunity to develop interests that will be of lasting worth. This in turn is having a marked influence on the interest taken in Bakers Cross and in the regional festivals. When they began they were new ideas and were regarded with some suspicion, but the time has now come when they are accepted by many as being among the most important provisions made by the Association for its clubs.

SENIOR BOY TRAINING

The Senior Boy Training Committee, whose chairman is Mr. W. Morland, has produced a handbook after re-examining the whole purpose and method of its work, which had its origins in annual boys' conferences and took definite shape in the seriousness of purpose which motivated many boys in the war years. In war it is easy to give a focus to training for a task that is going to be of national benefit; it is more difficult to do so in the stress and turmoil of the economic and social upheavals of today. Boys are now more than ever at the mercy of propaganda, particularly that which is concerned with material things. Only by clear teaching and reasoned presentation can they establish within themselves the standards of conduct and of values with which to decide what to accept as of lasting worth and what to reject as unworthy. Because boys with gifts of leadership can exercise great influence on their fellows it is essential that they shall be specially trained to use their gifts with a full sense of responsibility.

Senior boy training seeks to do more than enable a boy to help in his club or to become more proficient in its activities. It seeks to widen his own interests by introducing him to new ideas and subjects previously outside his knowledge; to bring him in contact with men of experience in many walks of life;

to encourage him to discuss from practical situations the social and scientific trends of today; and to evolve a philosophy of his own that will stand against the assaults of materialism.

It is our aim that those who are specially selected from preparatory local courses shall qualify for intensive training at Ford Castle. For the present only a limited number of these courses can be held; but more general courses, including those for boys with a particular bent for leadership in physical activities, are being organized at Ford.

A development of growing importance is the special training given by the Association to boys who are about to leave school. This is being developed at an increasing number of Adjustment to Industry courses, whose purpose is clearly defined in the name. The Industrial Advisory Committee, whose chairman is Dr. A. E. Morgan, has aided the senior boy training committee in bringing about the fullest co-operation of the trades unions and the Government departments with a special interest in this kind of development. The King George's Jubilee Trust have made it possible to extend the number and the scope of these courses, and there is every indication that interest in them is growing rapidly.

Among senior boy training courses carried out by local organizations of the Association the international courses held by the London Federation at Amersham have been of outstanding interest and importance.

THE TOMMY HANDLEY MEMORIAL FUND

Tommy Handley knew a great deal about the work of boys' clubs and believed whole-heartedly in them. When he died in January of this year there was a spontaneous desire that some suitable memorial should commemorate one to whom so many felt they owed so much. At the express wish of Mrs. Handley the Kemsley Press opened a fund to aid the work of boys' clubs in specific ways which have received wide publicity. It is probable that the proceeds of the fund will be made available to the Association in the summer of 1949 and it is the intention of the Kemsley Press that the N.A.B.C. shall have full responsibility for their administration.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Anthony de Rothschild—supported by the joint Honorary Treasurer, Lord Wigram—and the Appeal Committee, under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Council, have been facing an increasingly critical situation. In fulfilling the objects of the National Appeal for Boys' Clubs, (the outcome of which is described in the appendix to this report) the Association accepted very heavy commitments for entirely new work. This was essential if the Association was to hold its place in the forefront of those organizations concerned with the fitness and well-being of the adolescent boy. In early days the Pilgrim Trust—and over a long period of years the Carnegie Trust, the King George's Jubilee Trust and the London Parochial Charities—have given magnificent support to this work, the responsibilities of which increase with every year that passes. In more recent years the Ministry of Education has given liberal aid. From the day of its foundation twenty-four years ago the Association has been blessed with the support of a most loyal and generous body of friends and subscribers. These have steadily become more numerous over the years and the volume of their aid has greatly increased.

The total of all this support still leaves the Association short of its needs by more than £20,000 a year. The time is very near when there will no longer be invested funds upon which we can draw to make good this deficiency. Activities which have been built up with great effort and which are of great value to the boys who benefit from them, will have to be curtailed or brought to a conclusion unless additional help is forthcoming. It is the intention this year to ask club members themselves to begin what is to become an annual effort to help their own national association and in time it is hoped that their help will become substantial. But such an idea has to be assimilated before it is acted on—and meanwhile time is not on our side.

It is our earnest hope that the contribution which the National Association of Boys' Clubs is making towards the greatness of our land and the integrity of its reputation, which is in the hands of each succeeding generation, will call forth in abundant measure the aid which the Association most urgently needs.

ABERDARE,
Chairman of the Council.

R. E. GOODWIN,
General Secretary.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

Given at the Annual General Meeting at Leeds on

10*th July*, 1949

I KNOW YOU WILL WISH ME to begin by thanking all those whose efforts and co-operation have made our stay here most enjoyable. I would like also to take this opportunity of thanking most warmly, on your behalf, our President His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, who has found time in the midst of his many duties to visit clubs in Scotland and Wales during the past year. These visits, often to small clubs with many problems and few material advantages, do more good and give more encouragement than can ever be assessed.

These are times of transition when the attitudes and habits of boys are undergoing frequent changes, as they must do when mankind is on the march towards new horizons. The necessity for each one of us to know where he is going and why he is going there, grows greater, not less. This is especially true of those who influence young people and accept the tremendous responsibility of guiding their development to maturity.

The past year has been one during which difficulties that were overshadowing us a year ago have sharpened in intensity. The most intractable of these is finance. All over the country a critical situation faces clubs and local organizations, just as it faces the national body. Fortunately we still have good friends who believe in our work and help us generously, but the traditional sources of financial aid are being approached by so many more bodies (among which the Inland Revenue is conspicuous), and they are asking for so much more money that voluntary action may become stultified unless other resources are found.

The annual cost of all our affiliated clubs, local organizations and the national body is believed to be about £750,000 a year. There are three principal sources of revenue towards meeting this amount. Firstly there are the donations and subscriptions of voluntary subscribers; then there are the members' own subscriptions and payments for various activities in their clubs and the proceeds of all kinds of functions; and thirdly there is statutory grant-aid.

The gifts of voluntary subscribers account for rather more than one-fifth of the total income. This proportion has risen gradually during the past four years and in aggregate it is probably twice what it was four years ago. Income from members' subscriptions and the proceeds of functions etc., account for a little over a half of the total revenue. The proportion from these sources remains about the same. The income from statutory bodies in the form of direct grant-aid amounts to a little more than one quarter of the total revenue, and its proportion of the total revenue has declined by about five per cent. in the last four years. The boys' club movement as a whole has an annual deficiency of probably not less than £70,000 a year.

A year ago at Edinburgh I said that the time was coming when we should have to consider asking clubs to shoulder a greater financial responsibility for their own Association than is shown in the affiliation fee they pay at present. I suggested then that nothing could be more in keeping with the principles and aims of the N.A.B.C. than that its members should assume their due responsibility for their own Association.

I found that this expression of opinion was so generally approved that I asked the Council to give the subject further consideration. The result has been the idea of the Club Week. Very briefly, it is suggested that each club should ask its members to make a great effort during the third week in October for their own club, their own local organization, and their own national association. In our view they should be encouraged to earn by doing jobs for others; to give as a result of some personal sacrifice; and to seek the help of their families, friends and work-mates. Each club taking part may, if it wishes to do so, retain 70 per cent. of the nett sum raised by its members. The remainder will be divided equally to help the local county association or federation and the national association.

We have made these proposals with the knowledge that most clubs are having great difficulty with their own financial problems. But we know too that the members must play their part if the club movement is to prosper; and we believe that an effort of this kind, made each year, can become a readily accepted right and obligation of membership, the outcome of which will help to solve an urgent club problem of national proportions.

I now want to make reference to a preliminary conference convened by the Home Secretary and the Minister of Education, which was held in March to discuss the serious increase in juvenile delinquency. There was general agreement at this conference that there is no quick or easy remedy for juvenile delinquency because its causes are deep-rooted. The leaders of public life in every county and county borough have been asked to call together those who can best contribute to the solution of their local problem.

There are several causes of juvenile delinquency but the one which most nearly concerns us is the lack of opportunity for, and encouragement or guidance in, the proper use of leisure. It is undoubtedly true that many of our best clubs have reached such a stage of development that the standards they demand of their members are high and exacting. It is not likely that these clubs will normally attract and hold boys who are sub-normal and anti-social, yet they are the very boys most in need of club life. I hope that in many parts of the country those interested in boys' clubs will offer their help in seeking a solution.

One solution that occurs to me is to open clubs which do not ask too high a standard of performance from their members; clubs which may be little more than shelters, where there is a friendly atmosphere, some simple indoor and vigorous outdoor games and the leadership of men of outstanding quality. Few people are so well placed as we are to give immediate assistance in this very difficult problem, for the causes of delinquency, such as unsatisfactory homes, take long to remedy.

You will be expecting me to make some reference to two reports which have been published since last we met: *The Outlook for Youth Work* by Professor Barnes, and The Ministry of Education's *Report of the Committee on Recruit-*

ment, Training and Conditions of Service of Youth Leaders and Community Centre Wardens. The Executive and other committees of the Council have studied these reports with great care, and we have responded to the invitation to comment on them to those who are responsible for their publication.

The Barnes Report, as it is commonly known, sets out, after an examination of the aims and methods of the voluntary youth organizations, to recommend what should be their future role in a field of activity which they now share with the State. A direct result of the Barnes Report has been the formation by the King George's Jubilee Trust of a Research Council which has been given the task of throwing new light on questions concerned with our particular age group. We have undertaken to do all we can to assist the work of this Research Council of which Mr. Secretan and Professor Marshall are members.

The Ministry report based its recommendations on the assumption that club leadership will increasingly become a paid profession. From this assumption the report concluded that most club leaders should, in future, be school teachers seconded for periods of from five to ten years from formal education after receiving short courses of instruction. The report emphasizes the need for better conditions for those who adopt club leadership as a full-time career—a recommendation with which we all agree.

Neither report has yet been adopted, but some local authorities are already acting as though the Ministry's document is an accepted one. Other responsible groups seem to regard the Barnes report as the last word on the outlook for youth work. Both documents have aroused much discussion and some controversy, but I want to draw your particular attention to one of the several features which they have in common.

The Barnes report makes no reference whatever to the service of tens of thousands of adults who spend their leisure time in youth work with no thought of material reward. The Ministry report recognizes their existence as an influence in the past but relegates them to the role of specialist helpers in the future. The sociologist ignores and the educationalists brush aside the most significant fact common to all the youth organizations: I refer to the supremely important part of the voluntary leader, not only in the past but also, we believe, now and in the future.

I hope that the attitude which I have mentioned will have been corrected by Lord Pakenham's speech in the House of Lords on June 22nd during the debate on voluntary action. After stating that he believed there were many people up and down the country who were genuinely anxious to find out what was the fundamental attitude of the Government towards the whole question of voluntary action, Lord Pakenham said:

"We consider that the voluntary spirit is the very life-blood of democracy. We consider that the individual volunteer, the man who is proud to serve the community for nothing, is he whose personal sense of mission inspires and elevates the whole democratic process of official Governmental effort. We are convinced that voluntary associations have rendered, are rendering, and must be encouraged to continue to render, great and indispensable service to the community. I hope that that deliberate expression of our basic Governmental attitude will carry far and wide. I hope that it will establish firmly in the public mind the value of voluntary service as we see it, and, in particular, I hope it will prove decisive for good with any citizens, young or old, who are thinking of joining or starting voluntary bodies but are wondering whether such activities are now adjudged really significant; who are wondering whether that kind of thing is really needed, and whether their own sacrifices are really wanted in the Britain of the present day. I want to remove all possible doubt from their minds, speaking from this place in the most emphatic manner.

"I want to make it plain, beyond any shadow of misunderstanding, that, in the view of the Government, democracy without voluntary exertion and voluntary idealism loses its soul.

"We are certain that voluntary social service organizations have a part to play as essential in the future as any they have played in the past, and with the steady development of our social conscience we must look to them as time goes on to put even their own fine records in the shade".

In the course of his speech Lord Pakenham agreed that the bewildered student might think that there was a clear need for a major planning operation, especially when one considered all the myriad forms of voluntary organization in this country—"many of them overlapping and the whole set-up untidy and asymmetrical". But he believed that he spoke not only for the Government but for the whole House as well in stating that a successful operation of this kind might be fatal to the patient. "In other words", said Lord Pakenham, "the State has got to be immensely anxious to help but extremely sensitive about the manner in which the help is rendered".

He concluded with these words: "The partnership between statutory and voluntary bodies will always be intricate. It will, like a good many other things in this country, be impossible to explain to foreigners and difficult at times to understand ourselves. As the cash minimum becomes more and more secure and satisfactory—as we hope it will in future years—so more and more the emphasis for the voluntary effort will fall on the enrichment of the human personality through the creation of community life, whether of old or young, or handicapped people, or just the ordinary middle-aged men and women. I would suggest that even if this country becomes tremendously rich and prosperous, and even if, at some Utopian moment, finance hardly seems to matter, the time will never come when this kind of enrichment of personality through community life will ever be properly superseded, because what we get from the State in the last resort can never do more than provide the conditions of living. On the other hand, this kind of voluntary action brought into existence by our own common effort of creation, will be an immediate part of what we are intended for and will be the very stuff of life itself".

I consider we owe Lord Pakenham a debt of gratitude. We not unnaturally ask: which view will prevail? That of the sociologist and the civil servants on the one hand, or that of the Government on the other? For let us make no mistake—they are sharply at variance. We who are in boys' clubs know that it was from voluntary action that the club movement came and that it is in voluntary action that it will go on.

We may take comfort, I think, from the knowledge that whatever the experts (including ourselves sometimes) may want, boys themselves have a way of upsetting the best laid plans. They have a peculiar habit, most irritating to their elders and betters, of choosing for themselves and often showing a preference for the simple, the natural, the improvised, the unorthodox and the unpretentious. I have a feeling that the Temples of Youth, which some would believe are the answers to all our problems, may remain empty while the hut in the back street a hundred yards away will be packed with vigorous, wholesome boys.

That is not to say we do not want to progress, and to have better buildings and more equipment, with stimulating and exacting programmes. But let them evolve naturally, let there be sacrifice and self-help in the winning of them, and let us not forget that if this progress results in the exclusion of those who cannot stand the pace, then for them there must be provision in simpler surroundings of the things they can understand, enjoy and profit from. For in the final analysis our mission is to those whom Tagore called: "the humblest, the lowliest and the lost".

THE NATIONAL APPEAL FOR BOYS' CLUBS

A BRIEF REPORT OF ITS OUTCOME

The National Appeal for Boys' Clubs had its origins in the sufferings of war. It was launched at the Grocers' Hall in November 1945, when the Prime Minister issued a call for leaders in clubs, and the story of the fund which had been raised for boys' clubs in the Brunswick prisoner-of-war camp, Oflag 79, was told by Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Dunnill.

The Appeal was closed at the end of 1946. During the year of its organization many new friends came to the Association's aid and a most successful result was achieved.

THE RESPONSE

Scotland organized a separate appeal. In England and Wales the total amount raised was £289,293. Of this total the nett sum received into the central fund opened by the N.A.B.C. was £235,483, after allowing for expenses amounting to £29,578 and including payments for the first year under deeds of covenant. Of the balance a nett sum of £20,975 was retained in the four areas where it was raised—the expenses having been £3,257. The figures which follow relate to the £235,483 paid into the N.A.B.C. central fund.

THE COUNTRY'S SHARE

Up to 31st March 1949 a sum of £21,472 had been paid to the Brunswick Boys' Club Trust, which was formed in Oflag 79 with the object of starting more boys' clubs in this country. A sum of £51,257 had also been paid to the local organizations of the N.A.B.C. and to other local committees and clubs which took an active part in the appeal and were entitled to a proportion of the proceeds.

There remained, after the payment of these sums, £162,754 in the central fund.

HELP FOR CLUBS

Of this sum £40,000 has been allocated by the Finance Committee in grants to clubs for capital expenditure on premises or equipment, and in grants to local organizations for capital expenditure on camps and playing fields. In all, 98 schemes have been assisted, ranging from those involving an expenditure of a few hundred pounds to others costing as much as £12,000.

HELP FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

A further £2,776 has been paid to local organizations to help with the running of local training courses for leaders and senior boys; £6,868 has been given to help start new local organizations; and £10,121 has been paid to local organizations to help with their general expenditure on development and training work. This makes a total of £19,765. For expenditure during 1949/50 a further £1,800 has been allocated for these purposes and £586 is outstanding and awaiting payment.

It will be seen from the summary below of the preceding paragraphs that £134,880—or 57% of the nett total of £235,483—has been paid or allocated to local organizations and clubs which either took part in the appeal or asked for help with specific projects.

When the nett £20,975 (referred to under *The Response*) retained by four local organizations is taken into account, the sum paid, allocated or retained by local organizations and clubs amounted to 61% of the nett total raised.

Central fund receipts after allowing for expenses		£235,483
Payments to those who helped with the Appeal		
Brunswick Trust...	£21,472	
Local participating organizations and clubs	51,257	
		72,729
Nett total of Central Fund available for allocation		£162,754
Payments and allocations		
To clubs and local organizations for capital expenditure ...	£40,000	
To new or existing local organizations	22,151	
		62,151
Balance available for N.A.B.C. projects		£100,603

THE N.A.B.C's PROPORTION AND ITS USE

The first three objects of the appeal were:

(i) the training and employment of leaders, especially ex-Service leaders;
(ii) the establishment of a centre for training in drama, arts and crafts;
(iii) the establishment of a national centre for the training of club members.

St. Pierre, Bakers Cross and Ford Castle have been the Association's centres for the attainment of these objects. They have involved a capital expenditure on decorating, adapting, furnishing and equipment of £19,457 from the Appeal Fund between 1945 and 31st March, 1949, while a further £3,000 is earmarked for expenditure on work authorized, making a total of £22,457 expended or allocated. The greater part of the nett maintenance costs of these three centres since they were started in 1945 and early 1946 has also been met from the Appeal Fund, and a total of £21,809 had been expended for this purpose up to 31st March 1949.

The Association has also partly developed a scheme for the appointment of regional officers who, it was agreed in 1941, were essential to the structure of the Association. It has developed research work into certain highly important subjects such as leakage; it has borne part of the cost of one-month residential courses for voluntary leaders, the whole of the initial expenditure and maintenance in the first eighteen months of a mobile training wing, and public relations work generally to benefit the whole movement. The proportion of the cost of these services over nearly four years met from the appeal funds has amounted to £15,867.

To summarize:

Sum available for N.A.B.C. projects ...		£100,603
Capital expenditure expended since 1945 or allocated for expenditure on decorations, adaptations, furnishing and equipment of St. Pierre, Ford Castle and Bakers Cross ...	£22,457	

Maintenance of St. Pierre, Ford Castle and Bakers Cross since 1945	21,809	
Expenditure on regional work, research, residential training of voluntary leaders, mobile training wing, public relations and appeal work since 1946 ...	15,867	
Total expended or allocated to 31st March 1949 on N.A.B.C. projects	——	60,133
Balance available to continue the work begun		£40,470

From deeds of covenant received during the appeal the Association's annual income has been supplemented by £6,200 during each of the two years 1947/48 and 1948/49. This additional income has made it possible to meet the proportion of the cost, which has fallen on general funds, of the services detailed above and of the comparatively small increase in the administrative staff of the Association.

A RECORD OF PROGRESS

In the four years from 31st March 1945 to 31st March 1949, the number of clubs affiliated to the Association increased from 2,175 to 2,697—a total of 522 or an increase of nearly 25% in four years. In the same period the membership increased by nearly 28,000 and has now exceeded 200,000 for the first time.

There have been 115 men trained at the four six-month courses for full-time leaders held at St. Pierre, and there will have been just over 250 voluntary leaders trained at the one-month residential courses by the beginning of August, when this year's series ends. There have been 168 courses of different kinds organized in many parts of the country by the mobile training wing.

By the end of this season at Ford Castle it is anticipated that 2,000 boys will have attended the national senior boy training courses held there. Many more than this have attended the local courses held in most local organization areas.

Bakers Cross is the first centre of its kind in the country. It has taken time for this entirely new idea and new method of training in the Arts to be accepted, but the time has now come when the demand for places at the courses organized there exceeds the accommodation.

By all these and many other ways the Association has sought to carry out the fourth object of the Appeal, namely:

"the carrying out of a plan for the formation of new clubs".

The training of leaders was a first essential. Without a more widespread system of local organizations it would have been almost impossible to help with the formation of new clubs, and since 1945 eleven new local organizations have been started. Financial aid for new and existing clubs has been forthcoming to the extent of the £40,000 referred to earlier in this report.

When so comprehensive and nation-wide an organization as the N.A.B.C. endeavours to take stock of progress it is not possible to assess that progress in statistics alone. But they are to some degree a yardstick. In the progress very briefly summarized in this report can be seen the results of applying the funds of the National Appeal to those parts of the Association's work which it was considered could best contribute to the well-being of the whole.

BALANCE SHEET

1948 £	£		£	£	£
		GENERAL FUNDS:			
		Capital Fund—			
		Balances at 31st March, 1948—			
16,032		Foundation Fund		16,032	
1,561		General Purposes Fund		1,561	
				17,593	
		Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended 31st March, 1949		12,208	
					5,385
		National Appeal Account—			
		Balance at 31st March, 1948		83,971	
		Add Subscriptions and Donations received during year		2,425	
				86,396	
		Less Grants and Allocations	32,753		
		Grants to Training Centres Fund ...	2,013		
		Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account	12,219		
				46,985	
83,971					39,411
		National Appeal Allocations Account—			
		Amounts due to specific funds		11,575	
		Amounts not yet allocated		6,820	
—					18,395
		Training Centres Fund—			
		Balance at 31st March, 1948		35,735	
		Add Grant from South African Aid to Britain Fund	19,450		
		Grants from National Appeal Account	2,014		
		Subscription	260		
				21,724	
35,735					57,459
10,586		Bank Overdraft			11,175
8,120		Creditors and Amounts Received in Advance (including £500 held on behalf of Crookham Lads' Club)			11,023
		GRANTS AND SPECIAL FUNDS:			
	498	Unexpended Balances		340	
	131	Creditor		136	
629					476
£156,634					£143,324

NOTE.—The estimated amount of outstanding contracts for Capital Expenditure not provided for is £17,546. The South African Aid to Britain Fund has promised an additional grant of £7,025 towards expenditure on Nash Court included in the above amount of £17,546.

ABERDARE
M. W. PARR } *Members of the Council*

OF BOYS' CLUBS
T MARCH, 1949

1948					
£	£	GENERAL FUNDS:	£	£	£
3,661		Balances at Bankers and Cash in Hand ...			25,903
		Investments, at cost—			
	12,006	£11,400 2½% National War Bonds 1954/56		12,006	
	6,338	£6,256 10s. Nigeria 5% Stock 1950/60		6,338	
	—	£40,000 3½% War Stock ... ... (Market Value £59,775)		41,415	
18,344					59,759
87,729		Debtors in respect of proceeds of sale of Investments			—
7,192		Sundry Debtors and Loans to Clubs ...			5,009
416		Stock of Publications and Badges ...			558
		Office Equipment, Furniture, etc.—			
		Balance at 31st March, 1948		657	
		Additions during year less Sales ...		114	
				771	
		Less Depreciation		90	
657					681
		Motor Cars and Van—			
		Balance at 31st March, 1948 ...		3,350	
		Additions during year less Sales ...		1,436	
				4,786	
		Less Depreciation		986	
3,350					3,800
		Training Centres—			
		Equipment—			
		Balance at 31st March, 1948 ...	7,607		
		Additions during year less Sales ...	1,124		
			8,731		
		Less Depreciation	873		
7,606				7,858	
		Freehold Property—			
		Balance at 31st March, 1948 ...	27,050		
		Expenditure during year	12,230		
27,050				39,280	
					47,138
		GRANTS AND SPECIAL FUNDS:			
	504	Balance at Bankers		445	
	125	Debtor		31	
629					476
56,634					£143,324

AUDITORS' REPORT

have examined the Balance Sheet of the National Association of Boys' Clubs as at 31st Match, 1949, together the annexed General and Special Funds Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1949, have compared them with the books kept by the Association, and find them to be in accordance therewith. We tested the accuracy of the receipts and payments and have verified the Cash at Bank and in Hand. We have ained certificates from the Association's Bankers and the Crown Agents for the Colonies that the investments held on behalf of the Association, and from the Association's Bankers and Solicitors that the title deeds of the ehold property are also so held.

e are of the opinion that such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the te of the Association's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as wn by the books of the Association.

BLACK, GEOGHEGAN & TILL,
Chartered Accountants, 67 Watling Street, E.C.4

vember 2nd, 1949.

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCO

1948				
£	£		£	£
		To Headquarters Administration:		
	6,013	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	6,451	
	442	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	568	
	448	Rent, Rates and Land Tax	469	
	309	Lighting and Heating	330	
	2,577	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	2,527	
	92	Repairs	174	
	652	Travelling Expenses	623	
	518	Office Expenses and Insurance	354	
	222	Audit Fee	75	
	—	Legal Charges	70	
	15	Loan Interest	15	
	66	Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	70	
	11,354		11,726	
	5,677	*Less* Allocation for Development, Training, Specialist Advisers, etc.	5,862	
5,677				5,864
		,, Development:		
	8,762	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	7,505	
	603	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	555	
	2,365	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	2,442	
	4,978	Travelling, Car and Sundry Expenses	3,899	
	1,805	Grants for Development	1,258	
	680	Depreciation of Cars	515	
19,193				16,174
		,, Training:		
		Leader and Senior Boy Training—		
	3,839	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	4,794	
	249	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	269	
	1,419	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	1,657	
	1,472	Travelling Expenses	1,839	
	489	Grants to Leaders' Training Courses	463	
	604	Grants to Senior Boy Training Courses	577	
	270	Sundry Expenses	301	
	201	Depreciation of Van	160	
8,543				10,060
		Religious Training—		
	300	Salaries and National Insurance	914	
	236	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	244	
	261	Travelling Expenses	381	
	8	Sundry Expenses	68	
805				1,607
		Physical Recreation Training—		
	1,452	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	1,044	
	122	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	86	
	473	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	489	
	331	Travelling Expenses	287	
	—	Sundry Expenses	91	
2,378				1,997
36,596		forward		35,702

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1949

	1948					
£	£				£	£
			By Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies:			
	13,352		Annual Subscriptions		12,998	
	4,829		Donations		3,949	
	100		Legacies		595	
	1,763		Joint Functions with National Association of Girls Clubs and Mixed Clubs		515	
0,044						18,057
			,, Grants:			
		20,000	Ministry of Education	20,000		
		1,950	*Less* Allocations to South Wales Federation of Boys' Clubs and Welsh Association of Boys'Clubs	3,250		
	18,050				16,750	
		1,600	King George's Jubilee Trust ...	1,600		
		—	*Less* Amount carried forward ...	850		
	1,600				750	
	100		London Parochial Charities		500	
9,750						18,000
3,801			,, Interest Received			1,613
386			,, Affiliation Fees			589
241			,, Sundry Income			619
			,, Training Centres:			
			St. Pierre—			
	5,222		Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc. ...		2,759	
	280		Rents		195	
			Grants—			
			King George's Jubilee Trust ...	4,250		
			Add Amount brought forward ...	750		
	3,500				5,000	
	104		Sundry Receipts		61	
9,106						8,015
			Ford Castle—			
	1.249		Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc. ...		1,217	
	461		Subscriptions and Donations		455	
	1,000		King George's Jubilee Trust Grant ...		1,000	
	75		Shop—Profit		44	
2,785						2,716
			Bakers Cross—			
	327		Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc. ...		289	
	19		Rents		36	
	27		Donations		8	
	12		Sundry Receipts		46	
385						379
			Nash Court—			
			Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc. ...		132	
—			Sundry Receipts		6	138
3,706			,, Transfer from National Appeal Account ...			12,219
—			,, Transfer from War Emergency Fund ...			309
0,204						62,654

1948				
£	£		£	£
36,596		forward:		35,702
		To Training Centres:		
		St. Pierre—		
	4,135	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	4,309	
	258	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	267	
	337	Rates and Insurance	242	
	498	Repairs and Maintenance	179	
	647	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning ...	757	
	1,552	Catering	1,620	
	187	Garden Expenses	66	
	876	Course and Sundry Expenses	415	
	1,464	Residential Voluntary Leaders' Courses ...	1,435	
	519	Travelling and Car Expenses	705	
	323	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	267	
	1,363	Accommodation at and Travelling to Clubs	567	
	838	Bursaries	594	
	434	Depreciation of Car and Equipment ...	520	
13,431				11,943
		Ford Castle—		
	1,547	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	1,630	
	42	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	44	
	359	Rates and Insurance	341	
	754	Repairs, Maintenance and Garden Expenses	475	
	1,060	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning	805	
	1,109	Catering	720	
	397	Travelling and Car Expenses	331	
	445	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	288	
	76	Bursaries	153	
	211	Course and Sundry Expenses	515	
	274	Depreciation of Car and Equipment ...	305	
6,274				5,607
		Bakers Cross—		
	889	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	952	
	27	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	28	
	97	Rates and Insurance...	94	
	92	Repairs and Maintenance	263	
	283	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning	308	
	270	Catering	328	
	40	Garden Expenses	50	
	207	Travelling and Car Expenses	186	
	154	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	103	
	131	Course and Sundry Expenses	74	
	260	Depreciation of Equipment, Car and Drama Library	219	
2,450				2,605
58,751		forward		55,857

1948 £	£		£	£
0,204		forward		62,654
3,778		By Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year, as per Balance Sheet		12,208
73,982		forward		74,862

1948 £	1948 £	1948 £		£	£	£
58,751			forward			55,857
			To Training Centres (Contd.):			
			Nash Court—			
			Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...		816	
			Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...		39	
			Rates and Insurance		68	
			Repairs and Maintenance		36	
			Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning		204	
			Catering		80	
			Garden Expenses		37	
			Travelling and Car Expenses		138	
			Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone		76	
			Sundry Expenses		32	
			Depreciation of Car and Equipment ...		160	
—						1,686
			,, Specialist Advisers:			
	1,310		Salaries, Honoraria and Fees		1,604	
	42		Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...		70	
	236		Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses		244	
	393		Travelling Expenses		267	
	—		Regional Arts Festivals		170	
	—		Sundry Expenses		54	
1,981						2,409
			,, Research:			
	1,752		Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...		1,910	
	163		Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...		157	
	275		Rent		275	
	63		Lighting and Heating		47	
	162		Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone		239	
	55		Travelling Expenses		100	
	82		Sundry Expenses		60	
2,552						2,788
			,, Public Relations and Revenue:			
	2,587		Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...		1,199	
	10		Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance		—	
	475		Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses		297	
	69		Printing and Stationery		387	
	521		Travelling Expenses		200	
	44		Sundry Expenses		136	
3,706						2,219
			To Publications:			
	845		Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...		783	
	30		Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...		57	
	473		Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses		489	
	8		Travelling and Sundry Expenses		11	
			" The Boy "—			
		527	Printing and Postage	574		
		77	*Less* Subscriptions 59			
		199	Advertisements 194			
		276		253		
		251		321		
		78	*Less* Profit on Other Publications	23		
	173				298	
1,529						1,638
68,519			forward			66,597

1948 £		£
3,982	forward	74,862
,982	forward	74,862

1948				
£	£		£	£
68,519		forward		66,597
213		To Publicity, Literature and Exhibition Costs		79
		,, Sundry Expenses:		
	17	Annual Conference	126	
	47	Contributions to Other Societies	59	
	—	National Sports—net cost	1,008	
	26	Picture Scheme	46	
	400	Travelling Theatre	—	
490				1,239
3,175		,, Allocation to Trust Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes		6,947
1,585		,, Loss on sale of Investments		—
£73,982				£74,862

SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AC

		£	£
Bellingham Playing Field, Rental Account:			
Rent, Tithe, Insurance, etc.		362	
Payment to London Federation of Boys' Clubs		163	
Balance due to London Federation of Boys' Clubs		136	
			661
London Parochial Charities Fund:			
Amounts distributed during year		1,798	
Balance at 31st March, 1949		204	
			2,002
Mitchell Memorial Library Fund:			
Grants during year		51	
Balance at 31st March, 1949		136	
			187
Trust Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes:			
Grants to Area Organizations		15,946	
Grants to N.A.B.C. Funds:			
Development	1,600		
St. Pierre	4,250		
Ford Castle	1,000		
		6,850	
			22,796
War Emergency Fund:			
Transfer to General Income and Expenditure Account			309
			£25,955

1948		
£		£
3,982	forward	74,862
3,982		£74,862

NTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1949

	£	£
llingham Playing Field, Rental Account:		
Balance at 31st March, 1948	36	
Rents Receivable	625	
		661
ndon Parochial Charities Fund:		
Balance at 31st March, 1948	2	
Grant Received	2,000	
		2,002
tchell Memorial Library Fund:		
Balance at 31st March, 1948		187
ıst Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes:		
Grants Received from the King George's Jubilee Trust	15,850	
Allocation from General Income and Expenditure Account ...	6,946	
		22,796
ır Emergency Fund:		
Balance at 31st March, 1948		309
		£25,955

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS

ANNUAL REPORT 1949/50

Extending the voluntary spirit within the framework of partnership with the State was the theme of our last report. We did not then know that before the year was out the cold winds of economy would blow through the corridors of Whitehall. When this happens it is almost a tradition that Education should be the first victim and suffer most from the icy blast. Certainly the decisions of last November, and their application since, show no change in this time-honuored sequence. With school building programmes cut by a half and standards greatly modified it was hardly to be expected that capital grants for youth service work would continue.

Since November, 1949, no new grants have been made, nor have any licences been issued for improving existing boys' clubs or building new ones. There is no indication when the ban will be lifted, nor can we be optimistic in the near future, knowing how urgent is the primary need to find school places for the children born in the years of high birth-rate immediately after the war.

On the heels of this serious blow to progress came the exhortation to clubs and kindred organizations to be more active and imaginative in playing their part to help reduce the great increase in juvenile delinquency. At the same time local education authorities, from which many clubs receive grants towards their running expenses, were asked to reduce their expenditure on the youth service because the current rate of expenditure could not be justified in present conditions.

Those of us who are associated with boys' clubs may be forgiven if we have been a little bewildered by this contrast between exhortation and action. We are perhaps justifiably irritated by the criticisms levelled at us by the well-intentioned authors and editors of various reports and inquiries when they say that we are failing to challenge young people to rise to the opportunities and meet the demands of the exacting days in which we live.

In December the Minister of Education emphasized that

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in imposing restrictions on new building it was not his intention that the existing youth service should be impaired. His words have been reassuring but unfortunately some local government departments do not always interpret Ministry requests in the manner intended.

It would be prudent to assume that if boys' club work is to become better and more extensive then we must redouble our own efforts. Let us admit that a policy of economy can be a good thing if it results in a reassessment of values and a redeployment of forces that will eventually carry us further forward by greater enthusiasm and effort. Because its membership is young the National Association of Boy's Clubs has a great asset here. Essentially it is compounded of energy, enthusiasm and idealism. In so far as there are thousands of boys who need clubs and have not yet got them the Association has a constant spur. Given the men who will sacrifice their time (and maybe their other interests as well) because they feel impelled to give a helping hand now to the boys whose help the nation will need later on, boys' clubs will overcome the difficulties of today and may be confident that support will come to a cause that is good.

VISITS OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER

In the course of the year the President of the Association has visited boys' clubs in Monmouthshire and Bristol. He was present at Ford Castle during one day of an Adjustment to Industry course arranged in co-operation with the Northumberland Education Committee for boys in the county during their last term at school. His visits to clubs and his constant interest in every aspect of our work are a source of great encouragement to us all.

RESEARCH

Among the voluntary youth organizations the N.A.B.C. has been a pioneer in the field of research. An outstanding feature of our work has been an inquiry into the cause of "leakage", i.e. the reasons why some boys leave clubs after a comparatively short period of membership. The Association has welcomed the appointment by the King George's Jubilee Trust of a Standing Research and Advisory Committee, and we have all been gratified by the decision of that committee to make a two-year investigation into the subject of "wastage". This subject has a wider connotation than "leakage" and will include a study of the reasons why many boys and girls do not join any organization. At a time when youth organizations are being subjected to critical examination it is of the greatest importance that a body enjoying such a high reputation as the Trust should direct an authentic, informed and skilled inquiry.

The N.A.B.C. has gladly agreed to the request of the Trust that during their investigation they shall have first call on the services of our Director of Research. In return a substantial contribution is being made towards the Association's expenditure on research.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING

It is now five years since the National Association of Boys' Clubs adopted the report of the Commission on Religion which had been presided over by the late Viscount Caldecote, the Lord Chief Justice. Since 1945 the Religious Advisory Committee, of which Lord Roche has been chairman, has considered ways of giving practical effect to the recommendations of the Commission, and the committee has also carefully examined the many problems that have arisen. Lord Roche has now resigned owing to advancing years but we are very glad to be able to report that Sir Arthur fforde has accepted an invitation to succeed him as chairman. During the year the Religious Advisory committee has studied the Church of Scotland report and has drafted a memorandum on Communism which will be issued in due course.

In its report the Commission stated in the clearest terms that every club leader was responsible for ensuring that his members had the opportunity of learning the facts of their faith, be it Christian or Jewish, and of choosing for themselves whether or not that faith should be the all-important influence in their lives. The Commission emphasized that no one was so well placed as the club leader to take this responsibility upon his own shoulders, but it recognized that some leaders might feel the task to be beyond their powers. In such circumstances the leader concerned had a moral obligation to find someone willing and able to do this work for him. This proviso has become known as the "escape" clause. It is unfortunately true that many leaders who feel unable to accept the greatest responsibility of their leadership, fail also to find anyone willing to undertake it for them. As a consequence nothing is done. The Religious Advisory committee's most difficult problem and the Association's most urgent duty is to ensure that, by all possible means, the recommendations of the Commission on religion are carried out in every club.

TRAINING OF LEADERS

In 1949 the Ministry of Education published the *Report of the Committee on Recruitment, Training and Conditions of Service of Youth Leaders and Community Centre Wardens.* With the passage of time it seems that this report has found less and less favour. It has recently been referred to the National Advisory Council on the Training and Supply of Teachers. This body has asked a sub-committee, on which the voluntary youth organizations are represented, to study the report and to make recommendations which will be awaited with much interest, and doubtless with some anxiety, by those who believe in the importance of recruiting to youth service men of character, ability and experience of life. The report can hardly be expected until 1951 and in the meantime there is danger of a hiatus so far as the N.A.B.C. is concerned.

The recruitment, selection and training of leaders, both full-time and part-time, is one of the most important functions of our movement. Since the end of the war we have trained an average of 25 full-time leaders each year; vacancies are still to be filled and there is a steady demand for more full-time men. Many of the men so far trained have received further education and training grants with which to meet the cost of their training. But these grants ceased at the end of the course in April, 1950. Some men trained by the Association have also received grants from local education authorities. In the period which must elapse before the Ministry of

Education declares its policy, the continuation of training for full-time leadership by the N.A.B.C. will largely depend on the willingness of local education authorities to give grants to men recruited by the Association and selected for training at St. Pierre. We are most grateful to the Ministry of Education and to the Association of Education Committees for bringing the position to the notice of local education authorities.

During the summer of 1949 a further three courses of one month's duration were held at St. Pierre for voluntary leaders. As in the two previous years these courses were made possible by the support of the King George's Jubilee Trust and by the willingness of employers to release men from their work.

The Mobile Training Wing, maintained largely as a result of a grant from the King George's Jubilee Trust, has been very heavily engaged. In the last year its courses have ranged from Northern Ireland to Cornwall. Those who give their voluntary service to boys' clubs are often very busy people. They devote much of their leisure to this work and can afford neither the extra time nor the money to travel to training centres, even though many are keen to increase their proficiency and to exchange ideas with others who have similar interests. The Mobile Wing is designed to serve these men, and sometimes women, by making training easily accessible to them. In the three years during which the Wing has been on the road there have been more than 5,000 attendances at its courses.

SENIOR BOY TRAINING

At Ford Castle, and at local courses in many parts of the country, boys likely to occupy responsible positions in their clubs have had the opportunity of widening their knowledge and experience. It was decided that Ford should be open at Easter to all boys who could make their way there from distances of 150 miles and upwards. Thirty-three boys arrived. Four cycled 240 miles from Llay in North Wales via Shap Fell. One group hitch-hiked from Surrey but decided that it would be too easy to travel up the Great North Road and went via Manchester, Carlisle and the Border country. Both the attractions of Ford and the adventurous spirit of these boys seem to have been well demonstrated. We shall refer later in this report to the splendid way in which Lord Joicey and the Hon. Michael Joicey have helped us in connection with Ford Castle.

INTRODUCTION TO INDUSTRY

Three years ago the N.A.B.C. experimented for the first time in a form of special training for boys. It was felt that the Association could make a valuable contribution by helping boys of school age to develop a right attitude to work. The Association has never considered that its task was to give any form of vocational guidance or technical initiation, but it feels that it has a major part to play in developing right attitudes to all aspects of life. The special training known as Adjustment to Industry has been devoted to this end; and it has steadily developed, aided by the King George's Jubilee Trust and the very active co-operation of industry, local authorities and the Ministry of Labour. Six courses were held during the year and the number may be doubled in 1950/51. The Association cannot at the present stage do more than touch the fringe of a very large subject, but those who have had experience of these courses and of the results achieved so far are most enthusiastic about their possibilities. Given the resources, the Association could extend this important work. The benefits would be great, both to the economy of the country as a whole and to the boys who take up industrial employment.

CANADIAN-BRITISH INTERCHANGE

In 1949 Mr. Garfield Weston invited the N.A.B.C. to co-operate with him in selecting 50 boys of club age to visit Canada for a month so that they could learn something about the country and its people. His object was to give these boys a greater understanding of the importance of Commonwealth relations. In 1950 another party of 50 British boys will visit Canada and 50 Canadian boys are visiting Britain. Again Mr. Garfield Weston has asked the N.A.B.C. to be responsible for the selection of the British boys and the Association has also arranged the programme for the visit of the Canadian boys. The cost of these visits will be met by Mr. Garfield Weston as they were in 1949. We all welcome the opportunity given to us to develop a new field of activity which will be of direct advantage to the boys who are fortunate enough to be selected for the visit.

PHYSICAL RECREATION AND HEALTH

An important experiment has been conducted this year which, it is believed, will be of great assistance to those who are directly responsible for club leadership. The acute shortage of suitable buildings and of open spaces for team games entails constant improvisation and a great deal of ingenuity and initiative for the successful carrying on of physical recreation (and indeed of all other activities). A simple series of athletic tests have been devised and they are designed to be within the compass of most boys. As an incentive every boy will be awarded a certificate on reaching a certain standard of proficiency and each boy's achievement will count towards the award of a plaque to his club. The certificate and the plaque are graded in value from one star to five stars according to the skill shown in winning the former and the percentage of boys taking part in the latter.

A team of club boys selected by the Association was chosen to represent the post-school age of Britain at the Lingiad Festival in Stockholm in July and August, 1949. The vigour and originality of the work performed by the team aroused considerable interest and much praise. Apparatus of a kind that any club could make or obtain very cheaply was used.

The N.A.B.C. football team has succeeded in winning the junior football championship of Great Britain, and its boxing team were runners-up in the Inter-Youth Organizations championship. It is pleasing to be able to report that Devon and Cornwall reached the final in the Association's own football championship although they lost to Nottinghamshire after a game battle.

SPECIALIST ADVISERS IN THE ARTS

It is nearly 15 years since the Association determined to raise the quality of boy's club work in drama, music and the arts and crafts. Great efforts have been made to widen the interests of all boys in addition to giving real opportunities for advancement to the few who are gifted with outstanding talents. A high standard has been achieved in the Boys' Club Travelling Theatre, and in the work at the Arts Centre, Bakers Cross, Cranbrook, and also in the more recent Regional Festivals. Some of our activities in this sphere may now have to be sacrificed for a time in the interests of economy, but everything possible will be continued so that a fresh advance may be made as soon as the opportunity arises.

The Travelling Theatre, consisting of 11 boys and two of the Association's advisers, completed its fourth tour in the autumn of 1949. The programme was performed on 30 occasions and in 15 counties ranging from Kent in the south to Yorkshire in the north.

Enthusiasm for the Regional Arts Festivals is growing steadily. In 1949 some 800 boys took part, and in 1950 the numbers increased to nearly 1,200 boys, representing 144 clubs. The festivals include drama, music, arts, crafts and English literature. This year they were held in ten centres and aroused considerable public interest. It is an essential feature of the festivals that they are not competitive, but each entry is judged on its merits and the only award is a certificate graded according to the standard of achievement.

SOUTH AFRICAN AID TO BRITAIN FUND

Through the King George's Jubilee Trust the Association received a grant of £26,425 to establish a camping and training centre in the Midlands, and Nash Court, near Tenbury Wells, Shropshire, was selected for this purpose. Two thousand boys attended the camps held there in 1949 during a period when much of the work of conversion, adaptation and equipment was still unfinished. The bookings for 1950 have exceeded this figure and H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester is paying an official visit to the centre during the summer. Every type of camping may be learnt and practised at this centre. For example, it caters for boys who like to have their equipment and cooking facilities provided for them ; or alternatively, it supplies the needs of small parties who want to go out on two-day or three-day expeditions to the Radnor Forest and Welsh mountains.

MEMBERSHIP

There are now 2,800 clubs, with a membership of 210,000 boys, affiliated to the Association. There are signs that the period of steady expansion may be slackening and there are two main reasons for this. The first is the difficulty of finding buildings in which to meet; the stoppage of all grant-aid and of all licences for capital expenditure has necessarily accentuated it. The second cause is the low level of the 14 to 18 population as a consequence of the fall in the birth rate during the mid-thirties. Of these two causes the shortage of buildings is by far the more serious and as there is no easing of the situation in sight it may be essential to improvise for many years. For this reason, among many others, it is most important that the N.A.B.C. and its local bodies should be vigorous and imaginative in all asepcts of their work.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

No new local organizations have been formed during the year, partly because of the shadow of economy and partly because the Association has been making a very full examination of its policy in the development of county associations. There is conclusive evidence that the policy has been sound; but for various reasons many local organizations have not succeeded in obtaining sufficient financial help from their own localities and all rely to som e extent upon annual grants from the national body. One important contributory factor to this financial problem is, as we have emphasized in other years, the refusal of many local education authorities to give grant-aid to the local organizations of the national voluntary bodies. From time to time some local authorities reconsider their attitude and reverse their previous policy. But the situation is very far from satisfactory, and between one third and one-quarter of our annual income from voluntary sources has to be used for subsidizing local organizations.

Nevertheless the need for more local organizations is evident and there is likely to be progress in this direction in Hertfordshire, Leicestershire and Cheshire during the coming year.

THE TOMMY HANDLEY MEMORIAL FUND

The N.A.B.C. has received from Kemsley Newspapers over £11,000 raised by them for a memorial to the late Tommy Handley. The restriction on any building work means that time must elapse before the Association can fulfil the responsibility, which it gladly accepted at the wish of Mrs. Handley, of finding appropriate ways to commemorate a greatly loved man. It is intended that there shall be a suitable memorial in Liverpool for the direct benefit of the boys of that city, and there will also be another, probably at Nash Court, which will be more generally available to boys from all over the country.

FINANCE

Mr. Anthony de Rothschild, after three years as chairman of the Finance Committee, was obliged to resign in September, 1949 owing to the many calls upon his time. The Association is most fortunate in having Sir Charles Hambro as his successor and in having secured the help of Lord Lloyd and Sir Guy Ropner as members of the committee.

The Association has again been most liberally supported by the King George's Jubilee Trust, without whose aid much development and training work would have been impossible. The London Parochial Charities, whose special interest is the Metropolis, placed an increased grant at the disposal of the Association and the London Federation. The Ministry of Education, whose most understanding attitude to our problems is greatly appreciated, maintained its grant at the level of previous years. The generosity of many old friends, both private donors and industrial firms, has been continued, and new friends have also helped us, as a result of which the Association's work has been continued with unabated vigour and with undiminished scope, although the threat of enforced economies is ever present.

During the year Lord Joicey and his son, the Hon. Michael Joicey, came to our aid in a manner unique in the Association's experience, by lending the sum of £50,000. This has been invested in $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent Exchequer Bonds and the interest will be devoted to senior boy training at Ford Castle.

Last August, on the very eve when substantial economies were to be effected, an anonymous donor contributed a sum sufficient to maintain the Association's activities unreduced for a further year. All this magnificent support has meant that the excess of expenditure over income, which was £25,000 in 1948/49, has been reduced to one-eighth of this figure in the year ending 31st March, 1950.

An exhaustive examination has been made in the last twelve months of every aspect of the Association's work. The conclusion has been reached that a reduction in expenditure of approximately ten per cent can be made by excluding certain activities, which, though important in themselves are not fundamental to the well-being of the movement. Any further reduction could only result in a serious unbalancing of the Association's work which has been steadily built up to a carefully devised pattern over the last twenty-five years. At a time when it is of the first importance to the nation that the work of boys' clubs should go forward and not back we are facing a deficit of £10,000 in the knowledge that, unless this can be met, a halt will have to be called before our very limited capital resources are exhausted. Many clubs and local organizations of the Association are facing a similar situation.

But we believe that those who have helped us in the past, and those who we hope will help us in the future, will share our confidence that in the Balance Sheet of a body such as ours faith is an all-important asset. That faith we have shown for 25 years and it has always been justified.

As one means of attacking its financial problems the Association took the initiative and invited the National Association of Girls' Clubs and Mixed Clubs to co-operate in organizing a Club Week in the autumn of 1949. The N.A.B.C. asked its member clubs to take part so that each boy could be given the opportunity of contributing towards the cost of his own club, his local club organization and his national Association. Club members were asked to do this by making some personal sacrifice, by earning through some service to others and by seeking the help of their families and friends. An encouraging start was made and over £7,000 was raised by clubs affiliated to the N.A.B.C. Of this sum nearly £850 came to the Association and a rather smaller sum to our local organizations. The clubs which took part benefited to the extent of over £5,500. Another Club Week will be held in October, 1950.

It is hoped that in time Club Week will come to be an annual event in the life of every club and every club member. The possibilities are great. The future development of boys' club work will be very considerably influenced by the extent to which Club Week is successful, not only as a means of raising funds, but also as a means of sharing responsibility more widely and of dispelling the feeling some people have—and not without cause—that the young are inclined to take all and to give nothing. We are confident that the members of the N.A.B.C., by their actions in Club Week, will take one very practical step to persuade such people that their feelings are less justified than they feared.

In our time Britain must wield the great spiritual influence essential to combat and defeat the forces of materialism which threaten society in our own land and throughout the world. To do this the nation's great need is for more men in every walk of life who are alive to their responsibilities and fit and determined to fulfil them. It is for the N.A.B.C. to give such a high standard of training to those who are boys today that tomorrow they can—and will—play their part worthily as men.

ABERDARE,
Chairman of the Council.

R. E. GOODWIN,
General Secretary.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Given at the Annual General Meeting at Oxford on *2nd July*, 1950

I THINK WE SHALL BE WISE if we plan for the future on the assumption that the period during which voluntary organizations have received a generous measure of statutory grant-aid has passed its climax. As you are aware, the financial situation is such that economy is now the order of the day in statutory circles. I do not know whether the time will come, or when it will come, for a more liberal policy to operate regarding the youth service as it is affected by Circulars 209 and 210 which the Ministry of Education issued last year. But until such a time does come there is virtually a ban on the building of new clubs and on the work of adapting or converting old buildings for club purposes.

We should not be realists if we were to shut our eyes to certain facts. Capital expenditure to meet the requirements of the 1944 Education Act is very great and it will continue to be so for many years to come. We must also bear in mind that the resources of education authorities are being taxed to a very great extent in order to provide for the annual maintenance of a larger school population, and also to provide universal secondary education. These public expenses will go on increasing.

Let us look back for a moment to 1939 when the service of youth was established as an emergency measure, at a time when the nation was in deadly peril. As so often happens under the stress of war, the British people became conscious that its boys were a priceless asset to the country. But now that the war is over there is a tendency for people to become critical of spending the ratepayers' money on youngsters who have left school. Interest tends to be limited where ordinary and normal boys are concerned, owing to the distraction of other things; though I suggest that it is focused sometimes rather too strongly on those who are not quite so ordinary—such as the potential or actual delinquent.

Now the work of boys' clubs is only incidentally associated with the problems and cure of juvenile delinquency; our main efforts concern the ordinary normal boy. The delinquent boy is the exception, not the rule. Nevertheless any account of work among boys in 1950 would be incomplete without some reference to Dr. Stott's recent book *Human Nature and Delinquency*. It has been published by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, though its circulation is unusually limited at present. I hope that the book may become generally available in the near future and that each one of you may have a chance of reading it for himself.

I have not yet had time to make more than a brief examination of Dr. Stott's work, which is clearly of the highest importance. All I will say about it now is that it is refreshingly free of any but the simplest technical language, which is a great advantage to the layman. It is equally refreshing to know that Dr. Stott is an investigator who has not contented himself merely with exposing the causes of delinquency during his four years of special study. He has set himself the far more difficult task of discovering the "whys and wherefores" behind those causes. He has concentrated on delinquency arising from unsatisfactory home conditions, and he has set out the more obscure factors underlying these conditions with a precision and detail that has never been attempted before, as far as I know.

I now want to touch on a subject that concerns us all—finance. The more satisfactory position in which the Association finds itself today, compared with last year, is due to three things. Firstly, we received an immensely generous gift from an anonymous donor last August. His object was to enable us to continue our existing work for a further year. Secondly, we have received support from old friends and have found an encouraging number of new ones. The fact that we have increased our income from voluntary sources shows that, in spite of the difficult times in which we live, we have an enormous fund of good will awaiting us because our cause commends itself to public-spirited men and women everywhere. I cannot speak too highly of their generosity nor express in adequate terms how much we are encouraged and sustained by their faith in our work. Lastly there is the cumulative effect of several economies, some of which have resulted from the work of a special committee whose chairman was Mr. Hubert Secretan.

This committee spent many months making an exhastive and objective examination of the Association's work without any prejudice whatsoever. In adopting the report of the special committee the Council recorded its deep obligation towards those who had given so much time to this most important task, particularly towards Mr. Secretan. The committee experienced great difficulty in recommending any substantial saving in expenditure that would not injure the essential purposes for which we exist. It satisfied itself that the nature of the Association's work was vital to the health of the boys' club movement, but it found that its headquarters was in many respects short of the necessary staff and that it was working under serious handicaps.

In adopting the report of Mr. Secretan's committee the Council decided with regret to close the Arts Training Centre at Bakers Cross, Cranbrook. The value of its pioneering work cannot be estimated easily; but the Council felt bound, in the light of all the available evidence, to conclude that the considerable contribution made by Bakers Cross to the cultural life of the country could no longer be supported by the Association.

In the year ending 31st March, 1950, our net expenditure has been reduced by more than £5,000. We have credited to capital account £1,037 received during the year from legacies. Our capital resources were depleted by less than £2,500 compared with a depletion of £25,000 in the previous financial year.

The Council estimates that the nett cost of the Association's work for the year ending 31st March, 1951, will amount to about £58,000. This shows a reduction of more than 11 per cent. compared with the year ending 31st March, 1949. Of this sum of £58,000 nearly £13,000 will be ear-marked for grants to our local organizations. To meet this cost we require between £9,000 and £10,000 more than we can prudently estimate at this stage. The Council hopes that clubs all over the country will play their part in helping to raise this sum when Club Week is held next October. In relation to our membership £10,000 is not a large amount and I hope you will share my view that it is altogether proper for the Association to turn to its members and ask them to accept a full share of responsibility in meeting the cost of the work it does for them and on their behalf.

There are a few other subjects to which I now want to refer. In the somewhat unsettled conditions that have followed in the wake of the various educational economies it is hardly surprising that county colleges are not often mentioned. Four or five years ago their significance and potential value were widely appreciated. Discussions at leaders' conferences and elsewhere have proved this beyond doubt, but I would now hesitate to make any forecast as to the time when that part of the Education Act dealing with county colleges will operate. Events have made this inevitable and perhaps we may be allowed to express our disappointment that county colleges are still a distant goal to be achieved, instead of nearly a reality.

Yet there is a bright side to the future and progress of further education. Little publicity has been given, except in *The Times Educational Supplement* and in a few other journals devoted to the cause of education, about a most important voluntary movement. I refer to the movement for part-time education known as Part-time Day Release. Under this scheme many industrial concerns voluntarily release their young employees during working hours to attend classes organized by local education authorities. Although the classes are mainly concerned with the development of industrial skills this movement should be of great interest to us. A large number of boys are involved, and if only we will accept the opportunity which presents itself we can widen the scope of day release schemes by developing during leisure time the spiritual and mental powers of the boys who take part in them. We exist to do this work, and the value of our contribution will depend upon the standard of our work. Let us also remember that the extent of *our* efforts, no matter what the material difficulties may be, will largely determine the extent to which many of the boys of this generation will have some substitute for county colleges.

The Council is concerned at the possible financial consequences to clubs of the provisions of the Local Government Act of 1948. As you will know, under this Act the powers of rating and assessment have been transferred from local authorities to the department of inland revenue. The valuation officers of that department are required to prepare new valuation lists by 1952 or 1953 if the responsible Minister decides to extend the date. But there is no provision in the Act which directs or guides valuation officers to assess premises used by boys' clubs and similar organizations other than at their *full* value. For many years local authorities, when assessing such premises, have taken into account the nature of the work done in them and have valued them accordingly. As a result there has been considerable financial help to the many clubs concerned. It may be suggested that when the new valuation lists come into force boys' clubs and similar organizations will be able to apply for grant-aid under the 1944 Education Act, or for remission of rates on grounds of financial hardship. But if the youth service is still being subjected to economy measures in 1952 or 1953 there seems to be little likelihood of boys' clubs getting additional grant-aid to make good the extra amount they will have to pay in rates—and on the other hand, financial hardship is not an easy thing to prove. In any event it is clear that in the absence of any official guidance treatment would vary greatly as between one authority and another. We are hoping to make strong representations in the right quarter.

I have sometimes heard it said that the boy of today is entirely different from the boy of pre-war years, but I have always doubted it. Boys have not really changed their essential natures. Many of them may seem to be tougher, more cynical or more sophisticated, but is not this often just a superficial veneer, put on to ape their elders—who themselves must accept their share of responsibility for the environment, political and social, in which the boys of today are growing up?

I have recently been reading again with very great interest what I believe is one of the earliest official publications of the N.A.B.C. It is called *The Boy and his Club* and is a report of the first conference held at Toynbee Hall in October, 1925, of the second conference at Chester in 1926, and the third conference at Buxton in June, 1927.

Two impressions have been left on my mind after re-reading *The Boy and his Club*; and both are significant. The first impression is that the problems which existed in 1925 have a striking similarity to those of today. The second is the infectious enthusiasm that illumined those early discussions. In 1925 the boys who were becoming club members were children in the years of the first world war. Today, in 1950, our members were children in the years of another and even more fearful calamity. In 1925 the thoughts that were uppermost in the minds of those who attended that first conference were the shortage of playing fields, premises, money and men; juvenile delinquency; the prevalence and effects of betting; the right use of leisure and activities in which girls should have the opportunity to take part. The same thoughts are uppermost in our minds today.

At the present time the era of social security has already given rise to influences that were absent in 1925; and there is the very important effect of conscription. But the majority of boys still leave school only a year later than their brothers of a quarter of a century ago, and in doing so they exchange the freedom and protection of schooldays for the workshop and factory—*while they are still boys.*

Even now, in the years that follow immediately after school, we see too often the evils of environment drowning the good influences that school life encouraged and promoted—while in sharp contrast we see the opposite side of the picture. I refer to the good fortune of those who are privileged to enjoy continued education until the age of 18, or perhaps even 22.

At Toynbee Hall in 1925 Mr. Troup referred to the contrast that Mr. J. L. Garvin had drawn in his Shaftesbury Lecture between the social conditions at the time of the Hyde Park Exhibition in 1851 and those at the time of the Wembley Exhibition in 1924. We have less than a year to go until another great exhibition takes place—the Festival of Britain—and we might well reflect on the fact that the same basic needs are essential to boys' clubs now as they were in 1925.

These are money, premises and men—and the greatest need is for men.

We need now, just as much as in 1925, the sort of men who will put in a little more than they take out—who will give to others what they have themselves received. We need the intense enthusiasm and the burning conviction that invigorated and inspired our predecessors of 25 years ago. I trust that there are enough men today who see, as their first and supreme duty, the service of boys, and through that work the service of their country.

Let us remember that young people are naturally impatient. They cannot easily wait for possible benefits that may come at some future time. Their need is *now*, while they *are* boys and while they have their boyhood enthusiasm. A hut or an old building given to them now is a thousand times more precious than the promise of a palace tomorrow. To put it briefly: "He gives twice who gives quickly".

The older ones among us today will remember that Oxford conferences have been milestones in our history. Here, in 1930, the principles and aims of the boys' club movement were discussed and an enduring statement of policy and ideals was adopted. Eight years later my predecessor Sir Hubert Llewellyn Smith presided over the general meeting at which it was resolved to petition for a royal charter. And here again at Oxford in 1939, on the eve of war, he was able to announce that from then onwards we were a body incorporated by royal charter.

I believe we have reached a rather critical stage in boys' club history. I am convinced that what happens in the next ten or twenty years depends on whether there is, here and now, a new upsurge of the voluntary spirit—the spirit of comradeship, the spirit of giving, the spirit of service. Hand in hand with this there must be an upsurge of faith in the eternal verities. A rebirth of faith, strengthened by good works, is the only guarantee that boys' clubs and their members will help our country to be a great spiritual force among the nations of the world.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st MARCH 1950

BALANCE SHEET

1949 £		£	£	£
	GENERAL FUNDS:			
	Capital Fund—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1949		5,385	
	Add Legacies received during year		1,037	
			6,422	
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended 31st March, 1950		3,438	
5,385				2,984
	National Appeal Account—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1949		39,411	
	Add Subscriptions and Donations received during year		5,065	
			44,476	
	Less Grants and Allocations		784	
39,411				43,692
	National Appeal Allocations Account—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1949		18,395	
	Less Grants allocated during year		16,981	
			1,414	
	Amounts allocated but not yet paid		4,475	
18,395				5,889
	Training Centres Fund—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1949		57,458	
	Add Grant from South African Aid to Britain Fund	7,025		
	Subscriptions received during year	260		
			7,285	
57,458				64,743
11,175	Bank Overdraft (Secured by a charge on Freehold Properties at St. Pierre, Chepstow and Bridge House, Cranbrook)			6,571
11,023	Creditors, Loans and Amounts Received in Advance (including £50,500 in respect of Loans against which £50,000 2¼% Exchequer Stock has been deposited, and £9,048 Amounts Received in Advance)			65,481
142,847				189,360
	GRANTS AND SPECIAL FUNDS:			
	Unexpended Balances		11,439	
	Creditor		31	
476				11,470
£143,323				£200,830

AUDITORS' REPORT. We have examined the Balance Sheet of the National Association of Boys' Clubs as at 31st March 1950, together with the annexed General and Special Funds Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1950 and have compared them with the books kept by the Association and find them to be in accordance therewith. We have tested the accuracy of the receipts and payments and have verified the Cash at Bank and in Hand. We have obtained certificates from the Association's Bankers and a firm of Solicitors that the investments are held on behalf of the Association, and from the Association's Bankers that

ST MARCH, 1950

1949 £		£	£	£
	General Funds:			
25,903	Balances at Bankers and Cash in Hand			16,777
	Investments, at cost—			
	£50,000 2¼% Exchequer Stock 1955		50,000	
	£11,400 2½% National War Bonds 1954/56		12,006	
	£40,000 3½% War Stock		41,415	
59,759	(Market Value £98,433)			103,421
	Sundry Debtors, Loans to Clubs and Payments			
5,009	in Advance			7,388
557	Stocks of Publications, Badges, etc.			635
	Office Equipment, Furniture, etc.—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1949		681	
	Additions *less* Sales during year		10	
			691	
	Less Depreciation		80	
681				611
	Motor Cars and Van—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1949		3,800	
	Less Sales during year		747	
			3,053	
	Less Depreciation		969	
3,800				2,084
	Training Centres—			
	Equipment—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1949	7,858		
	Additions, *less* Sales during year	2,635		
		10,493		
	Less Depreciation	1,050		
7,858			9,443	
	Freehold Property—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1949	39,280		
	Additions, *less* Sales, during year	9,721		
			49,001	
39,280				58,444
142,847				189,360
	Grants and Special Funds:			
	Balances at Bankers		11,439	
	Debtor		31	
476				11,470
143,323				£200,830

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rtain title deeds of the freehold property not inspected by us are also so held.
e are of the opinion that such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the ite of the Association's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and shown by the books of the Association.

BLACK, GEOGHEGAN & TILL
Chartered Accountants

Watling Street, London, E.C.4. *2nd October 1950*

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOU

1949				
£	£		£	£
		To Headquarters Administration:		
	6,451	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	6,857	
	568	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	535	
	469	Rent, Rates and Land Tax	479	
	330	Lighting and Heating	263	
	2,527	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	1,978	
	174	Repairs	130	
	623	Travelling Expenses	456	
	354	Office Expenses and Insurance	279	
	75	Audit Fee	107	
	70	Legal Charges	—	
	15	Loan Interest	46	
	70	Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment ...	64	
	11,726		11,194	
	5,862	*Less* Allocation for Development, Training, Specialist Advisers, etc.	5,597	
5,864				5,597
		,, Development:		
	7,505	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	7,196	
	555	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	540	
	2,442	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	2,333	
	3,899	Travelling, Car and Sundry Expenses ...	3,543	
	1,258	Grants for Development	421	
	515	Depreciation of Cars	143	
16,174				14,176
		,, Training:		
		Leader and Senior Boy Training—		
	4,794	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	5,028	
	269	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	322	
	1,657	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	1,866	
	1,839	Travelling and Van Expenses	1,639	
	463	Grants to Leaders' Training Courses ...	222	
	577	Grants to Senior Boy Training Courses ...	312	
	301	Sundry and Course Expenses	557	
	160	Depreciation of Van	320	
10,060				10,266
		Religious Training—		
	914	Salaries and National Insurance	1,124	
	244	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	233	
	381	Travelling Expenses	440	
	68	Sundry Expenses	9	
1,607				1,806
		Physical Recreation Training—		
	1,044	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	1,534	
	86	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	109	
	489	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	466	
	287	Travelling Expenses	360	
	—	Lingiad Team—net cost	365	
	1,008	National Sport—net cost	105	
	91	Sundry Expenses	89	
	—	Depreciation of Car	45	
3,005				3,073
36,710		forward		34,918

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1950

1949					
£	£			£	£
		By Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies:			
	12,998	Annual Subscriptions		13,816	
	3,949	Donations		18,834	
	—	Club Week—Net Proceeds		839	
	—	Broadcast Appeal		1,913	
	595	Legacies		—	
	515	Joint Functions with National Association of Girls' Clubs and Mixed Clubs		—	
8,057					35,402
		,, Grants:			
	20,000	Ministry of Education		20,000	
		King George's Jubilee Trust	5,150		
		Add Amount brought forward	850		
		1,600	6,000		
		850 *Less* Amount carried forward	2,175		
	750			3,825	
	500	London Parochial Charities		500	
1,250					24,325
1,613		,, Interest Received			2,152
589		,, Affiliation Fees			589
619		,, Sundry Income			595
		,, Training Centres:			
		St. Pierre—			
	2,759	Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc.		2,905	
	195	Rents		189	
	—	Donations		77	
	5,000	Grant—King George's Jubilee Trust		4,250	
	61	Sundry Receipts		94	
8,015					7,515
		Ford Castle—			
	1,261	Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc.		767	
	455	Subscriptions and Donations		490	
	1,000	King George's Jubilee Trust Grant		—	
2,716					1,257
		Bakers Cross—			
	289	Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc.		276	
	36	Rents		19	
	8	Subscriptions and Donations		90	
	46	Sundry Receipts		49	
379					434
		Nash Court—			
	132	Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc.		2,654	
	—	Rents		27	
	6	Sundry Receipts		26	
138					2,707
2,219		,, Transfer from National Appeal Account			—
309		,, Transfer from War Emergency Fund			—
5,904					74,976
2,208		,, Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year, as per Balance Sheet			3,438
8,112		forward			78,414

1949				
£	£		£	£
36,710		forward		34,918
		To Training Centres :		
		St. Pierre—		
	4,309	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	4,086	
	267	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	251	
	242	Rates and Insurance	257	
	179	Repairs and Maintenance	1,568	
	757	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning...	630	
	1,620	Catering	1,407	
	66	Garden Expenses	142	
	415	Course and Sundry Expenses	270	
	1,435	Residential Voluntary Leaders' Courses ...	1,235	
	705	Travelling and Car Expenses	680	
	267	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	180	
	567	Accommodation at and Travelling to Clubs	679	
	594	Bursaries	484	
	520	Depreciation of Car and Equipment ...	458	
11,943				12,327
		Ford Castle—		
	1,630	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	2,027	
	44	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	35	
	341	Rates and Insurance	352	
	475	Repairs, Maintenance and Garden Expenses	533	
	805	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning...	558	
	720	Catering	591	
	331	Travelling and Car Expenses	255	
	288	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	74	
	153	Bursaries	52	
	515	Course and Sundry Expenses	164	
	305	Depreciation of Car and Equipment ...	266	
5,607				4,907
		Bakers Cross—		
	952	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	1,440	
	28	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	30	
	94	Rates and Insurance	77	
	263	Repairs and Maintenance	96	
	308	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning...	388	
	328	Catering	389	
	50	Garden Expenses	28	
	186	Travelling and Car Expenses	169	
	103	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	88	
	74	Course and Sundry Expenses	88	
	219	Depreciation of Equipment, Car and Drama Library	228	
2,605				3,021
56,865		forward		55,173

1949				
£	£		£	£
,112		forward … … … … …		78 414
8,112		forward … … … … …		78,414

1949 £	£						£	£
56,865				forward				55,173
				To Training Centres (Contd.)				
				Nash Court—				
	816			Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...			1,482	
	39			Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...			57	
	68			Rates and Insurance			236	
	36			Repairs and Maintenance			235	
	204			Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning...			456	
	80			Catering			1,255	
	37			Garden Expenses			61	
	138			Travelling and Car Expenses			426	
	76			Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone			116	
	32			Sundry Expenses			65	
	160			Depreciation of Car and Equipment ...			575	
1,686								4,964
				,, Specialist Advisers:				
	1,604			Salaries, Honoraria and Fees			1,489	
	70			Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...			72	
	244			Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses			466	
	267			Travelling Expenses			193	
	170			Regional Arts Festivals			247	
	—			Travelling Theatre—net cost			333	
	54			Sundry Expenses			16	
2,409								2,816
				,, Research:				
	1,910			Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...			1,585	
	157			Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...			124	
	275			Rent			297	
	47			Lighting and Heating			11	
	239			Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone			109	
	100			Travelling Expenses			77	
	60			Sundry Expenses			33	
2,788								2,236
				,, Public Relations and Revenue:				
	1,199			Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...			—	
	297			Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses			—	
	723			Printing, Stationery, etc.			391	
2,219								391
				,, Publications:				
	783			Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...			851	
	57			Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...			73	
	489			Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses			233	
	11			Travelling and Sundry Expenses			12	
				" The Boy "—				
		574		Printing and Postage		643		
			59	*Less* Subscriptions	97			
			194	Advertisements	228			
		253				325		
		321				318		
		23		*Less* Profits on Other Publications		204		
	298						114	
1,638								1,283
67,605				forward				66,863

1949			
£		£	£
112	forward		78,414
112	forward		78,414

1949 £			£	£
67,605		forward		66,863
79		To Publicity, Literature and Exhibition Costs		117
		,, Sundry Expenses:		
	126	Annual Conference	19	
	59	Contributions to Other Societies	40	
	46	Picture Scheme	25	
231				84
10,197		,, Allocation to Trust Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes		11,268
—		,, Loss on Redemption of Investment		82
£78,112				£78,414

SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AC

		£	£
Bellingham Playing Field Rental Account:			
Rent, Tithe, Insurance, etc.		363	
Payments to London Federation of Boys' Clubs		708	
Balance due to London Federation of Boys' Clubs		31	
			1,102
Tommy Handley Memorial Fund:			
Balance at 31st March, 1950			11,157
London Parochial Charities Fund:			
Amounts distributed during year		2,008	
Balance at 31st March, 1950		196	
			2,204
Mitchell Memorial Library Fund:			
Grants during year		50	
Balance at 31st March, 1950		86	
			136
Trust Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes:			
Grants to Area Organizations		17,269	
Grants to N.A.B.C. Funds for—			
Training	4,950		
Research	200		
St. Pierre	4,250		
		9,400	
			26,669
			£41,268

1949		£
,112	forward	78,414
,112		£78,414

NTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1950

	£	£
lingham Playing Field, Rental Account:		
Balance at 31st March, 1949	136	
Rents Receivable	625	
War Damage Compensation Recovered	341	
		1,102
mmy Handley Memorial Fund:		
Donations received during year		11,157
ndon Parochial Charities Fund:		
Balance at 31st March, 1949	204	
Grant Received	2,000	
		2,204
tchell Memorial Library Fund:		
Balance at 31st March, 1949		136
ıst Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes:		
Grants Received from the King George's Jubillee Trust	15,400	
Allocation from General Income and Expenditure Account ...	11,269	
		26,669
		£41,268

LIST OF AREA ORGANIZATIONS

BEDFORDSHIRE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ESSEX, HERTFORDSHIRE, HUNTINGDONSHIRE, NORFOLK, SUFFOLK. Regional Officer: *Lt.-Col. P. L. Binns*, 87 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1 (Victoria 2065).

BERKSHIRE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, CHANNEL ISLANDS, DORSET, HAMPSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE. Regional Officer: *N. S. Goodridge*, Bar Close, Henley Road, Caversham, nr. Reading (Reading 72479).

CORNWALL, DEVON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, SOMERSET, WILTSHIRE. Regional Officer: *H. E. Higgins*, J.P. 86/88 Colston Street, Bristol, 1 (Bristol 24480).

KENT, SURREY, SUSSEX. Regional Officer: *Lt.-Col. P. L. Binns*, 87 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1 (Victoria 2065).

HEREFORDSHIRE, SHROPSHIRE, STAFFORDSHIRE, WARWICKSHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE. Regional Officer: *H. Douty*, Northend, Dunchurch, nr. Rugby (Dunchurch 351).

BEDFORDSHIRE. Bedfordshire Association of Boys' Clubs. Organizing Secretary: *S. A. Woodward*, c/o Bedford L.T.C., Bradgate Road, Bedford (Bedford 283711).

BERKSHIRE. Berkshire Association of Boys' Clubs. Organizing Secretary: *W. R. Martin*, 177 King's Road, Reading, Berkshire (Reading 3627).

Reading Council of Boys' Clubs. Organizing Secretary: *W. R. Martin*, 177 King's Road, Reading (Reading 3627).

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. Buckinghamshire Association of Boys' Clubs. Organizing Secretary: *C. A. Mack*, United Buildings, Trading Estate, Slough, Bucks (Slough 23838).

CAMBRIDGESHIRE. N.A.B.C. Regional Officer: *Lt.-Col. P. L. Binns*, 87 Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1 (Victoria 2065).

CHANNEL ISLANDS. Guernsey Association of Boys' Clubs. Honorary Secretary: *H. Brelsford*, St. Martin's School, Guernsey, C.I.

Jersey. No local association. The Jersey Youth Movement is a member-organization of the N.A.B.C. under Section 3 (ii) (c) of the Bye-laws. Youth Organizer: *R. Poole*, 68 King Street, St. Helier, Jersey, C.I. (Central 2000).

CHESHIRE. (See Lancashire.)

Ford Castle, Berwick-on-Tweed, from the air.
(N.A.B.C. National Senior Boy Training Centre)
By courtesy of Aerofilms, Ltd.

Physical Training outside a London Boys' Club

By courtesy of "The Times

BIRKENHEAD, CHESTER, WALLASEY and WIRRAL COUNCIL OF BOYS' CLUBS. Honorary Secretary: *Anthony C. Foreman*, Greenheys, Hinderton Road, Neston, Wirral (Central 1701).

CORNWALL. N.A.B.C. Regional Officer: *H. E. Higgins*, J.P., 86/88 Colston Street, Bristol, 1 (Bristol 24480).

CUMBERLAND. CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS. Organizing Secretary: *Noel Beggs*, 2a Penrith Road, Keswick, Cumberland (Keswick 141).

DERBYSHIRE. DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS. Organizing Secretary: *C. W. Cunnington*, Community House, 43 Kedleston Road, Derby (Derby 46986).

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With characteristic sureness of touch and simplicity of expression His Majesty crystallized the purpose of all work such as that which the N.A.B.C. attempts to do. We could have no better sounding line to test the depth of our work than one marked with the qualities of wisdom, unselfishness and courage. The manner in which each young man who has been a boys' club member comes into his heritage will depend on how far all that went on in his club helped him to grow up wise, unselfish and brave. When the full import of this is realized the place of boys' clubs in the community is seen in true perspective and the responsibility of all those men and women associated with boys' clubs assumes new proportions.

With the gaiety of heart and the friendliness of approach which are essential in such work there must go a deep and abiding purpose. Here is no place for the half-hearted, the lukewarm, the careless or the dilettante. Clarity of aim, willingness to learn, initiative in method and inflexibility of purpose are amongst the qualities the Association must seek in fulfilling its objects.

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His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester has visited clubs in Shropshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire, bringing great encouragement and being enthusiastically received by leaders and boys everywhere.

The President also paid an official visit to Nash Court, Tenbury Wells, in June when he unveiled a plaque recording that Nash Court is the camping and training centre given to the Association by the people of South Africa through the South African Aid to Britain Fund. During the year more than three thousand boys and leaders have been to Nash Court either for camping holidays or for a variety of short training courses.

TRAINING OF LEADERS

We referred in our last report to the examination of the subject of the recruitment, training and conditions of service of youth leaders being made by the National Advisory Council on the Training and Supply of Teachers. The Council has now made its report, but it is not known whether its recommendations will be acceptable to the Minister of Education or practicable for the voluntary organizations.

With the aid of local education authorities, the King George's Jubilee Trust and the Association's generous subscribers, the sixth six months course for men selected for training as full-time club leaders was held at St. Pierre between October, 1950, and April, 1951. Considerable problems were encountered in arranging this course owing to the uncertainty that must continue until the policy of the Ministry of Education is known. But in the year ahead the problem of recruiting men and obtaining aid for them with their fees is likely to be far more difficult. It will not become easier until the Ministry of Education has published a clearly defined national policy for training and until the conditions of service are such that men with the right vocation and the qualities of character and intellect can see reasonable prospects. In the meantime vacancies exist which cannot be filled with trained men.

Since the Association's training centre was opened in 1946 at St. Pierre, Chepstow, 159 students have completed a course of six months intensive training. Of these only five have failed to pass the final examination and 32 have obtained a first class. Even more important is the fact that over 70 per cent of the men who completed the course satisfactorily are still full-time club leaders or doing cognate work in the probation, approved school and youth employment services. After taking into account the numbers working abroad and in the course of obtaining employment the "wastage", i.e. the loss to club or cognate work arising from men going to entirely different employment, amounts to 22 per cent. From such information as we have available the rate of perseverance of 78 per cent compares favourably with that of other centres of training for youth leadership. We consider that it also indicates satisfactory selection methods and reveals in the young men themselves a sense of vocation without which the exacting nature of the work and its poor material reward would levy a heavy toll.

With the very generous aid of the King George's Jubilee Trust a further three residential courses, each lasting a month, were held for voluntary leaders at St. Pierre in the summer of 1950. Twelve of these courses have now been held and the number of men attending them has reached nearly 300. They have come from Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and from every county, city and most large towns in England. Most of the men have been under 30 years of age; their occupations have been very diverse. Two things have been characteristic of these courses—the great enthusiasm of the men attending them and the willingness with which their employers have granted them leave of absence although in many instances they have occupied key positions.

The Mobile Training Wing has now completed three years' work. During that period the Wing has manned no fewer than 400 different training courses and these have been attended by more than 8,000 people. But numbers are relatively unimportant. What matters is that through the work of the Wing, which has been handsomely aided by the King George's Jubilee Trust, the opportunity to know more of the aims and methods of boys' clubs has come the way of many men and women whose limited leisure and resources would have made attendance at the more formal kind of training course out of the question.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING

In our last report we set out at some length the problem of giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission on

Religion which advised the Association in 1945. The Association's Religious Adviser has recently resigned his residentiary canonry in order to devote the whole of his time to club work. During the past year he has conducted a considerable number of special training courses and has greatly extended the most important foundations on which all subsequent work can be built—namely the number of honorary religious advisers, without distinction of denomination, who are ready, willing and able to give help to club leaders. Towards the end of the year the adviser began the circulation of a series of four letters to club leaders in which he has sought to deal with the Christian answer to communism.

DEVELOPMENT

The problems affecting the starting of new boys' clubs have increased during the past few years. The recruitment of young men as voluntary leaders and helpers grows increasingly difficult. Steadily rising costs affect every kind of equipment a club needs and all its day-to-day expenditure. The shortage of buildings suitable for adaptation and the impossibility of obtaining licences for new buildings are a source of great frustration to those who would be willing to form management committees and start new ventures.

During the past two years a number of local organizations of the Association have had to decrease their staffs because of insufficient financial support. As a consequence the men remaining to carry on are so fully occupied in giving the affiliated clubs in their areas the attention they need, especially when some of the clubs themselves may be going through a difficult period, that development work is jeopardized.

Side by side with these problems is the need for more clubs and especially for clubs led with such skill, imagination and understanding as will attract those boys who need clubs yet remain outside any youth organization. In such circumstances initiative and an ability to improvise are important qualities in every man and woman associated with the club movement. It is clear that the present severe limitation on licences for buildings for the youth service will continue until needs regarded as more urgent have been satisfied. It is likely, too, that the financial assistance given to some clubs and local organizations of the Association by statutory bodies may decrease rather than increase owing to the heavy expenditure necessary on education.

Although all the local organizations of the Association continued in existence during the year a number are facing a period of acute financial difficulty. Some have succeeded in finding new ways of raising the funds essential for their work but others have not been so fortunate. During the next year or two the future of some of these organizations will be in the balance. An examination of the growth of the Association shows most clearly the remarkable effects of forming County Associations. As these were built up and as they flourished so the number of boys' clubs increased steadily. When they were in difficulties during the war years the number of clubs fell by over 300. With the post-war revival the number of affiliated clubs rose by over 600 between 1945 and 1949. Now, when County Associations are again in difficulties, the number of affiliated clubs has fallen by 128 in the past year to 2,682 and the number of club members by about 9,500 to just under 201,000. The Development Committee is doing much to advise, stimulate and encourage in those areas where the local organizations are in special difficulties. It also proposes to make a close examination of the various factors affecting development with a view to advising what changes of policy may be necessary.

RESEARCH

The Director of Research has continued the investigations for the King George's Jubilee Trust, about which we reported last year, into the reasons why boys and girls either leave or do not join any youth organization.

The Association is deeply indebted to the Trust for having arranged a week-end meeting of representatives of many bodies interested in the Youth Service to discuss problems formulated by its Standing Research and Advisory Committee. We shall refer to this meeting again in a year's time when the Executive Committee and the Council will have had an opportunity of considering the report now being prepared by the Trust.

DRAMA, MUSIC AND THE ARTS

The need for economy led to the closing of the Association's Arts Centre at Bakers Cross, Cranbrook, in October, 1950. The centre was the first of its kind and it is understood that in years to come some local education authorities may develop similar centres. The Association experimented in a new field, as it was proper that it should, and in so doing not only gave to many boys a deeper appreciation of the arts and of their place in daily life, but also introduced and trained in a most practical manner several adults who, while qualified to teach, lacked experience in teaching adolescent boys. The work of Bakers Cross is being continued, so far as is possible, at St. Pierre although the place is not specifically designed as an arts centre.

The organization of regional arts festivals, which began as an experiment in 1948, had become an accepted part of the Association's work in 1950. In that year festivals were held in London, Winchester, Blackpool, Birkenhead, Hitchin, Liverpool, Bristol, Birmingham and Exeter. Over 2,000 boys from 186 clubs took part. Some fine craft work of a wide variety from the festivals already held in 1951 is being exhibited on the Association's stalls at the Festival of Britain Voluntary Youth Organizations' Information Centres in London.

PHYSICAL RECREATION AND HEALTH

The Association launched its National Fitness Scheme towards the end of the year after many months of careful planning and experiment. The scheme has aimed at simplicity and provides individual and group incentives.

The Association's football team won the Junior Championship of Great Britain in 1950 and the Association was invited by the Foreign Office and the Football Association to organize a three weeks' tour of England for a German Youth Football team representing the British Zone of Germany.

The Association's team was runner-up to the Army Cadet Force in the Inter-Youth Organizations Team Boxing Championships, and in the Association's own championships some 600 entries were received for the final stages.

CANADIAN BRITISH INTERCHANGE

In July and August, 1950, a very interesting interchange took place when 50 Canadian boys came to this country and 50 British boys visited Canada. Both parties were the guests of Mr. Garfield Weston. The Association was responsible for the arrangements in this country for the Canadian boys and for the selection of the British boys who went to Canada. The Canadian boys were drawn from 11 provinces, and in a month's stay in Britain met club boys in many places and stayed at certain of the Association's training and camping centres. During their time in London they met His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester and during a visit to the Houses of Parliament they lunched with Mr. Morrison, Mr. Eden and Mr. Clement Davies.

The British boys were representative of Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and 25 English counties. They were led by Field-Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck and Mr. Alan Bell, then of the Market District Boys' Club, Leeds, and now secretary of the newly formed Leicestershire Association of Boys' Clubs. The British boys were fortunate in having nearly six weeks for their tour which was as comprehensive as could be devised for so short a time in so vast a country. They, too, had the opportunity of meeting many of their contemporaries, of seeing something of Canadian life and of being received with great hospitality and kindness by leading Canadian citizens.

It is Mr. Garfield Weston's hope that these visits will help to create a better understanding and stronger bond of friendship between the boys and young men of Canada and of Britain. There rested and there remains with the boys of both countries who had the opportunity of this rare experience the responsibility of making their contribution towards the achievement of this objective.

ADJUSTMENT TO INDUSTRY

We have referred in earlier reports to the Association's attempts to make a contribution to the industrial life of the country of an even more specific nature than is always made by a good boys' club. After an initial experiment in 1947 the

Association has accordingly been organizing each year a growing number of residential courses for boys about to leave school and go into industry or experiencing their first few months at work. The aim of these courses is to help boys in their last term at school to develop a right attitude to work. The basic assumptions underlying these courses are that the ultimate factor in the problem is a human one of personal relations and that boys will come to understand the problem if they are given a true and full picture of it. The courses make no attempt to give technical initiation or vocational guidance, for these are quite outside the province of the Association. What they aim to do is to show boys, first, how industry works so that they may come to understand why it works in its particular way; second, the task facing those with whom they will work so that they may come to understand the proper relationship between them; third, how industry fits into the life of the community as a whole so that it may be seen in true perspective. From the beginning these courses have been planned in very close co-operation with industry, local authorities and the Ministry of Labour. They would have been impossible without such co-operation and without the aid of the King George's Jubilee Trust. Nine such courses were held in the year and only the limitations of staff imposed by financial stringency prevent a considerable increase in the number of these courses, for there is no doubt about the enthusiasm as to their value amongst all those who have been associated with the courses. The follow up so far attempted, the letters received from boys who have attended, and the comments from industrial and educational circles are ample testimony to the benefits. We are concerned to see that this work should be steadily expanded as a contribution to the economic progress of the country.

TRAINING OF OLDER BOYS

Ford Castle has again been the centre of the national residential courses for older club members and the Senior Boy Training Committee has spent much time in considering a new project which is being called the National Boys' Club. Club members who have served their own club well will be eligible for nomination to attend a meeting of the club, which is to be residential, and there to qualify for election to membership of the National Boys' Club. In the first year there will be much to learn from experience, for the Association has not previously attempted to make an award to club members except in the field of physical recreation and the arts.

Two interesting experiments have been made in local senior boy training courses. One, in Liverpool, was devoted to the history and appreciation of the film with the object of seeing what might be achieved in developing a critical attitude. By means of lecture, demonstration and very full discussion the history of the film industry and the technique of film production were presented, and during the course each boy wrote a film script. The other experiment was a course in Northamptonshire for boys who would shortly be called up for National Service. The object of this course was to help each boy who attended to attain a constructive attitude of mind towards his National Service.

FINANCIAL AID TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TO CLUBS

In the past six years the Association has made grants exceeding £145,000 to its constituent organizations and its affiliated clubs. Of this sum about £89,000, or more than 60 per cent, has come from the Association's general and capital funds and the rest from grants placed at the Association's disposal by some of the great national trusts. The ability to give this very substantial aid has undoubtedly led to extensive development in the number of boys' clubs and has helped to start new clubs and improve the buildings and equipment of others.

During the last year a new way of helping clubs with capital expenditure on premises and equipment of a permanent kind has been made possible by an anonymous friend who has made the Association a loan of £5,000 free of interest for a period of five years. Among the schemes aided through this most generous help have been those where the members have carried out much, if not all, of the work of bricklaying, plumbing and so on under expert direction.

FINANCE

A year ago we were able to report a slight improvement in the Association's financial position. There were four reasons for this. First, the continued help of many people and firms who regularly show their confidence in the work of the Association. Second, a steady and sustained increase in the number of regular subscribers. Third, the beneficence of an anonymous donor who particularly wished to tide the Association over a crucial period. Fourth, the reduction in expenditure on certain activities which, however important, were not vital to the Association's life and purpose. In the year ending 31st March, 1951, the excess of expenditure over income was a little over £1,000. This compared with nearly £3,500 the year before and with £25,000 in 1948/49, £17,500 in 1947/48 and £16,000 in 1946/47. Against the deficiency of about £1,000 in the year ending 31st March, 1951, the Association has been able, as will be seen from the Balance Sheet, to replenish capital funds by £8,100 from legacies and profit on the sale of investments. The sum from legacies was the most substantial in the Association's history.

We are, therefore, again able to report some improvement and this year it has been rather more satisfactory than last. The grant from the Ministry of Education, for which we are most indebted, remained unchanged. The King George's Jubilee Trust and the London Parochial Charities continued their most liberal aid, much of which was passed on to constituent organizations and clubs. The number of people and firms supporting the Association, for whose great help the Association can never be sufficiently thankful, has again increased, and the aggregate of their subscriptions and donations was nearly one fifth greater than in the previous year. We have referred in the previous paragraph to the anonymous donor whose timely aid rescued the Association from a very grave situation in the year ending 31st March, 1950. In that year two-thirds of his donation of £20,000 were taken into account and in the year ending 31st March, 1951, the other third was credited to general account. In these two years the Association has been able to conduct an exhaustive examination of all aspects of its work. Certain activities have been concluded with a consequent reduction in expenditure. The nett cost of the Association's work, despite the rapid rise in prices, has been reduced from nearly £66,000 in the year ending 31st March, 1949, to a little over £54,500 in the year ending 31st March, 1951—a fall of about 19 per cent. It is anticipated that in the year 1951/52 a further small reduction of about £2,000 may be effected. Even so, owing to the uncertainties of the times, the Finance Committee has had to budget for a deficiency of nearly £8,000. Expenditure has reached a point beyond which it could only be further reduced at the cost of unbalancing the whole of the Association's work.

Last year we referred to Club Week which had been arranged for the first time in the autumn of 1949. A second Club Week took place in the autumn of 1950 and there is ample evidence that a large number of those clubs which have taken part wish Club Week to become an established annual event. The object of Club Week is to strengthen the financial resources of member clubs, of their local organizations and of their national body, the N.A.B.C. The method of achieving this is to ask club members to make personal sacrifices, to earn through some service to others and to ask for the help of their families and older friends. The theory behind Club Week is that with the rights and privileges of club membership go corresponding obligations and duties. We believe that club members will respond in steadily increasing numbers to this challenge to their good sense and their idealism.

In 1949 and in 1950 the Association invited the National Association of Girls' Clubs and Mixed Clubs to co-operate in Club Week and in this year this co-operation is to continue. In 1950 the clubs affiliated to the National Association of Boys' Clubs raised over £9,000, compared with £7,000 in 1949, and of this sum they retained over £7,100 for their own work. The Association benefited to the extent of about £1,100 and the various local and area organizations received about £800. Between one quarter and one third of the affiliated clubs took part.

Club Week holds great possibilities for the future of the boys' club movement. It is a very proper object that funds should be raised for the Association through the agency of those who are its members. In the era of the common man it is a means, in the words of Lord Beveridge, of teaching boys that they "can and should learn to do what used to be done for public good by the wealthy", and that "democracy has to show that in discarding the inequalities it can learn the virtues of aristocracy". But it has even greater possibilities than this. In Club Week is the idea of common action for the common good expressed in the most practical terms

Those who make up the boys' club movement in the main set much store by their individuality and their independence and sit somewhat loosely to the national body. These qualities with all their virtues, and they are many, are not without their weaknesses at a time when we need to find in all fields of human activity the right balance between central control and individual and group initiative. Let us in these days, to quote Mr. Hubert Secretan, "see ourselves not as a number of isolated practitioners of a particular technique in adolescent education, but as a movement of men of vision and determination, a movement of joy and friendship and laughter, a movement that is helping to set going a yet mightier movement of the human spirit, which may bring out of this age of doubts and difficulties a revitalizing of the soul of man".

ABERDARE,
Chairman of the Council.

R. E. GOODWIN,
General Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st MARCH 1951

BALANCE SHEE

1950 £		£	£	£
	General Funds:			
	Capital Fund:—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1950		2,984	
	Add Legacies received during year	6,961		
	Profit on Sale of Investments	1,139		
	Transfer from Training Centres Fund ...	65,312		
			73,412	
			76,396	
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended 31st March, 1951... ...		1,083	
2,984				75,313
	National Appeal Account—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1950		43,692	
	Less Allocations during year		38	
43,692				43,654
	National Appeal Allocations Account—			
	Balance not allocated at 31st March, 1950 ...		1,414	
	Less Grants cancelled, less allocated, during year		360	
			1,054	
	Amounts allocated but not yet paid ...		2,580	
5,889				3,634
	Training Centres Fund—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1950		64,743	
	Add Grant from Tommy Handley Memorial Fund	238		
	Subscription received during year ...	260		
	Profit on Sale of Bakers Cross Property	71		
			569	
			65,312	
	Less Transfer to Capital Fund		65,312	
64,743				—
6,571	Bank Overdraft (secured by a charge on Freehold Property at St. Pierre, Chepstow)			5,328
65,481	Creditors, Loans and Amounts received in advance (including loans totalling £55,500, for the part repayment of which the Association has earmarked their holding of £50,000, London Electric Transport Corporation Ltd., 2½% Guaranteed Debenture Stock 1950/55) ...			60,317
189,360				188,246
	Grants and Special Funds:			
	Unexpended Balances—			
	Tommy Handley Memorial Fund	11,875		
	Mitchell Memorial Library Fund	78		
			11,953	
	Creditors		275	
11,470				12,228
£200,830				£200,474

AUDITORS' REPORT.

AUDITORS' REPORT. We have examined the Balance Sheet of the National Association of Boys' Clubs as at 31st March 1951, together with the annexed General and Special Funds Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1951 and have compared them with the books kept by the Association and find them to be in accordance therewith. We have tested the accuracy of the receipts and payments and have verified the Cash at Bank and in hand. We have obtained certificates from the Association's Bankers that certain of the investments and

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1950 £		£	£	£
	GENERAL FUNDS:			
16,777	Balances at Bankers and Cash in Hand ...			15,013
	Investments, at cost—			
	£2,500 3% Defence Bonds		2,500	
	£50,000 London Electric Transport Finance Corporation Ltd. 2½% Guaranteed Debenture Stock 1950/55		49,555	
	£11,400 2½% National War Bonds 1954/56		12,006	
	£40,000 3½% War Stock		41,415	
103,421	(Market Value, £99,735)			105,476
7,388	Sundry Debtors, Loans to Clubs and Payments in Advance			8,064
635	Stocks of Publications, Badges, etc.			595
	Office Equipment, Furniture, etc.—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1950		611	
	Additions, *less* Sales, during year		421	
			1,032	
	Less Depreciation		118	
611				914
	Motor Cars and Van—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1950 ...		2,084	
	Less Sales during year		230	
			1,854	
	Less Depreciation		615	
2,084				1,239
	Training Centres—			
	Equipment—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1950	9,443		
	Additions, *less* sales, during year	905		
		10,348		
	Less Depreciation	1,035		
9,443			9,313	
	Freehold Property—			
	Balance at 31st March, 1950	49,001		
	Add Additions during year	3,838		
		52,839		
	Less Sale of Bakers Cross at cost	5,082		
		47,757		
	Less Amount written of	125		
			47,632	
49,001				56,945
189,360				188,246
	GRANTS AND SPECIAL FUNDS:			
	Balances at Bankers		12,197	
	Debtor		31	
11,470				12,228
£200,830				£200,474

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MARTIN PARR } *Members of the Council*

certain title deeds of the freehold property, not inspected by us, are held on behalf of the Association.

We are of the opinion that such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Association's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Association.

67 Watling Street, London, E.C.4. 10*th August* 1951 *BLACK, GEOGHEGAN & TILL*
Chartered Accountants

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACC

1950 £	£		£	£
		To Headquarters Administration:		
	6,857	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	6,534	
	535	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	464	
	479	Rent, Rates and Land Tax	478	
	263	Lighting and Heating	212	
	1,978	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	1,993	
	130	Repairs and Maintenance	757	
	456	Travelling Expenses	313	
	279	Office Expenses and Insurance	359	
	107	Audit Fee	100	
	46	Loan Interest	15	
	64	Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment	102	
	11,194		11,327	
	5,597	*Less* Allocation for Development, Training, Specialist Advisers, etc.	5,663	
5,597				5,664
		„ Development:		
	7,196	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	6,522	
	540	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	514	
	2,333	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	1,888	
	3,543	Travelling, Car and Sundry Expenses	2,614	
	421	Grants for Development	850	
	143	Depreciation of Cars	165	
14,176				12,553
		„ Training:		
		Leader and Senior Boy Training—		
	5,028	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	5,054	
	322	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	345	
	1,866	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	1,888	
	1,639	Travelling and Van Expenses	1,602	
	222	Grants to Leaders' Training Courses	112	
	312	Grants to Senior Boy Training Courses	234	
	557	Sundry and Course Expenses	429	
	320	Depreciation of Van	250	
10,266				9,914
		Religious Training—		
	1,124	Salaries and National Insurance	1,247	
	—	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	24	
	233	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	236	
	440	Travelling Expenses	442	
	9	Sundry Expenses	1	
1.806				1,950
		Physical Recreation Training—		
	1,534	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	1,483	
	109	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	122	
	466	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	472	
	360	Travelling and Car Expenses	452	
	365	Lingiad Team—Net cost	—	
	105	National Sport—Net cost	178	
	89	Sundry Expenses	268	
	45	Depreciation of Car	—	
3,073				2,975
34,918		forward		33,056

NT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1951

1950 £	£			£	£
		By Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies:			
	13,816	Annual Subscriptions		16,360	
	18,834	Donations		13,169	
	839	Club Week—Net Proceeds		1,120	
	1,913	Broadcast Appeal		—	
35,402					30,649
		,, Grants:			
	20,000	Ministry of Education		20,000	
		King George's Jubilee Trust	1,940		
		Add Amount brought forward	2,175		
		6,000	4,115		
		2,175 *Less* Amount carried forward			
	3,825			4,115	
	500	London Parochial Charities		475	
24,325					24,590
2,152		,, Interest Received			1,883
589		,, Affiliation Fees			589
595		,, Sundry Income			406
		,, Training Centres:			
		St. Pierre—			
	2,905	Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc.		2,395	
	189	Rents		189	
	77	Donations		—	
	4,250	King George's Jubilee Trust Grant		2,500	
	94	Sundry Receipts		23	
7,515					5,107
		Ford Castle—			
	767	Course Fees, Visitors' payments, etc.		1,261	
	490	Subscriptions and Donations		463	
	—	Interest Received		968	
1,257					2,692
		Bakers Cross—			
	276	Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc.		297	
	19	Rents		16	
	90	Subscriptions and Donations		—	
	49	Sundry Receipts		33	
434					346
		Nash Court—			
	2,654	Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc.		3,777	
	27	Rents		32	
	—	King George's Jubilee Trust Grant		400	
	—	Subscriptions and Donations		294	
	26	Sundry Receipts		8	
2,707					4,511
74,976		forward			70,773

1950				
£	£		£	£
34,918		forward		33,056
		To Training Centres:		
		St. Pierre—		
	4,086	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	3,874	
	251	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	270	
	257	Rates and Insurance	251	
	1,568	Repairs and Maintenance	1,154	
	630	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning	611	
	1,407	Catering	1,241	
	142	Garden Expenses	109	
	270	Course and Sundry Expenses	422	
	1,235	Residential Voluntary Leaders' Courses	957	
	680	Travelling and Car Expenses	337	
	180	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	197	
	679	Accommodation at and Travelling to Clubs	526	
	484	Bursaries	428	
	458	Depreciation of Car and Equipment	466	
12,327				10,843
		Ford Castle—		
	2,027	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	1,526	
	35	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	26	
	352	Rates and Insurance	365	
	533	Repairs, Maintenance and Garden Expenses	591	
	558	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning	522	
	591	Catering	768	
	255	Travelling and Car Expenses	365	
	74	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	114	
	52	Bursaries	44	
	164	Course and Sundry Expenses	170	
	—	Reserve for Interest	125	
	266	Depreciation of Car and Equipment	235	
4,907				4,851
		Bakers Cross—		
	1,440	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance	655	
	30	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance	18	
	77	Rates and Insurance	45	
	96	Repairs and Maintenance	112	
	388	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning	170	
	389	Catering	218	
	28	Garden Expenses	8	
	169	Travelling and Car Expenses	91	
	88	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	20	
	88	Course and Sundry Expenses	59	
	288	Depreciation of Equipment	70	
3,021				1,466
55,173		forward		50,216

1950				
£	£		£	£
74,976		forward		70,773
74,976		forward		70,773

1950						
£	*£*				£	£
55,173			forward			50,216
			To Training Centres (contd.):			
			Nash Court—			
	1,482		Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...		1,669	
	57		Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...		58	
	236		Rates and Insurance		186	
	235		Repairs and Maintenance		256	
	456		Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning		459	
	1,255		Catering		1,845	
	61		Garden Expenses		51	
	426		Travelling and Car Expenses		621	
	116		Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone		101	
	65		Sundry Expenses		101	
	—		Amount written off Freehold Property ...		125	
	575		Depreciation of Car and Equipment ...		464	
4,964						5,936
			,, Specialist Advisers:			
	1,489		Salaries, Honoraria and Fees		1,648	
	72		Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...		81	
	466		Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses		472	
	193		Travelling Expenses		181	
	247		Regional Arts Festivals		185	
	333		Travelling Theatre—Net cost		—	
	16		Sundry Expenses		16	
	—		Depreciation of Drama Library, etc. ...		17	
2,816						2,600
			,, Research:			
	1,585		Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...		1,365	
	124		Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...		128	
	297		Rent		81	
	11		Lighting and Heating		24	
	109		Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone		108	
	77		Travelling Expenses		23	
	33		Sundry Expenses		38	
2,236						1,767
			,, Public Relations and Publicity:			
	—		Salaries, Wages, Pensions Scheme and National Insurance		127	
	—		Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses		471	
	117		Publicity, Literature, etc.		414	
	391		Printing, Stationery, etc.		101	
508						1,113
			,, Publications:			
	851		Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...		911	
	73		Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...		82	
	233		Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses		236	
	12		Travelling and Sundry Expenses		4	
			"The Boy"—			
		643	Printing and Postage	615		
		97	*Less* Subscriptions 75			
		228	Advertisements ... 166			
		325		241		
		318		374		
		204	*Less* Profits on Other Publications...	227		
	114				147	
1,283						1,380
66,980			forward			63,012

1950 £	£		£	£
74,976		forward		70,773
74,976		forward		70,773

1950 £	£		£	£
66,980		forward		63,012
		To Sundry Expenses:		
	19	Annual Conference	44	
	40	Contributions to Other Societies	55	
	25	Picture Scheme	—	
84				99
11,268		„ Allocation to Trust Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes ...		8,745
82		„ Loss on Redemption of Investment		—
£78,414				£71,856

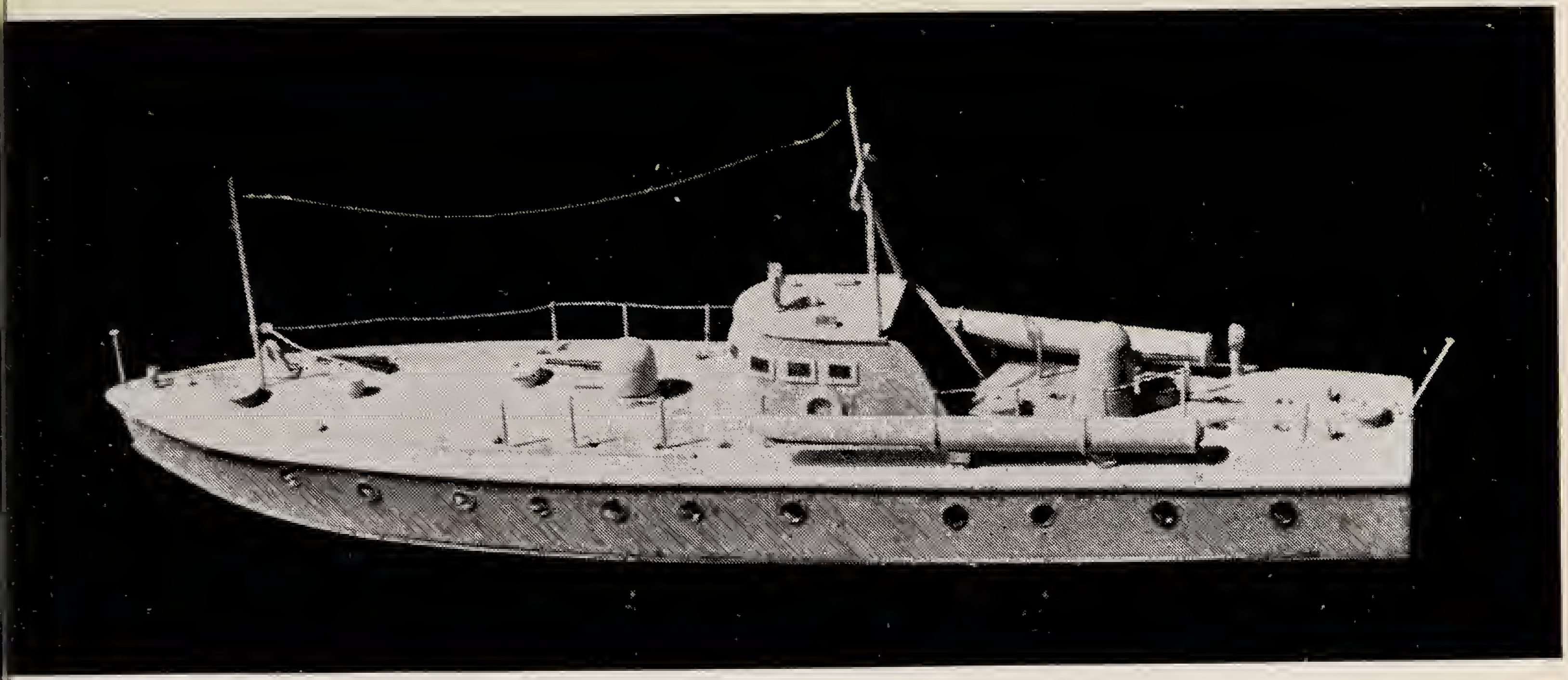
SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AC

		£	£
Bellingham Playing Field Rental Account:			
Rent, Tithe, Insurance, etc.		364	
Payment to London Federation of Boys' Clubs		127	
Balance due to London Federation of Boys' Clubs		165	
			656
Tommy Handley Memorial Fund:			
Grant to Training Centres Fund		238	
Balance at 31st March, 1951		11,875	
			12,113
London Parochial Charities Fund:			
Grants paid to Clubs		2,086	
Grants allocated to Clubs		110	
			2,196
Mitchell Memorial Library Fund:			
Grants during year		8	
Balance at 31st March, 1951		78	
			86
Trust Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes:			
Grants to Area Organizations		15,145	
Grants to N.A.B.C. General Funds for—			
Training	750		
Research	1,190		
Nash Court	400		
St. Pierre	2,500		
		4,840	
			19,985
			£35,036

1950 £	£		£
74,976		forward	70,773
3,438		„ Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year, as per Balance Sheet ...	1,083
£78,414			£71,856

UNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1951

	£	£
Bellingham Playing Field, Rental Account:		
Balance at 31st March, 1950	31	
Rents Receivable	625	
		656
Tommy Handley Memorial Fund:		
Balance at 31st March, 1950	11,157	
Donations received during year	956	
		12,113
London Parochial Charities Fund:		
Balance at 31st March, 1950	196	
Grant received during year	2,000	
		2,196
Mitchell Memorial Library Fund:		
Balance at 31st March, 1950		86
Trust Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes:		
Grants Received from the King George's Jubilee Trust	11,240	
Allocation from General Income and Expenditure Account ...	8,745	
		19,985
		£35,036



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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS

ANNUAL REPORT 1951/2

Our Annual Report for 1950/51 began with these words :

> " No generation has ever inherited graver problems or faced more formidable perils, but no generation has ever had greater opportunities for shaping for good the future of the world. We pray that under God's guidance our young people may learn the wisdom which accepts problems as a challenge, the unselfishness which welcomes burdens as an opportunity, and the courage which uses perils as a spur . . ."

His late Majesty said this in his last Empire Sunday message. We would be wise to mark well his words for they place a great responsibility upon us.

We can give no better tribute to our beloved King—nor one, we think, that he would sooner have had—than to make wisdom, unselfishness and courage the dominant characteristics in our own lives and in the lives of our boys' club members, both to-day and in the years ahead. Our homes, our towns, our work-places, our country and the world have their hope and their future in the growth of these qualities. Let our living memorial to one who exemplified these virtues so well be shown in our vigorous resolution to foster them throughout the boys' clubs of our land.

What is the Association doing to foster these qualities of wisdom, unselfishness and courage ? What are the problems it has to solve, and what does it ask of its friends and of those whose support it needs so that the ground already won may be consolidated and fresh advances made ?

A major preoccupation of many of the men who started the earliest boys' clubs was the mitigation of the worst evils

The "Norman Chamberlain" Training Barge

By courtesy of "Birmingham Weekly Post" of poverty in great cities. To a greater or lesser degree this essential task continued to be an important object of most boys' clubs during the first decades of the twentieth century. It was particularly marked until late in the 'thirties in the large number of boys' clubs which were opened in those parts of the country that had suffered most from the industrial depression.

In the years since the end of the war the rapid advance in the progress towards social security has had a great effect on the boys who are in the boys' clubs to-day. It has had perhaps an even more marked effect on the large number of boys who do not belong to boys' clubs at all, but whose lives in the years before manhood need just those influences which a good boys' club brings to bear on character and attitudes. Overcrowded houses and mean streets, broken homes and miserably thwarting environments are all too common ; but the searing hardship of poverty is an exceptional experience now, and not the rule, for the large part of the boy population from which boys' clubs draw their membership.

It might be thought that the redistribution of wealth, the absence of poverty at home, the extra year at school and the work of a host of agencies that have been designed to lay the foundations for a good and useful life, should have made the work of the boys' club leader simple by comparison with the past. But its demands are as exacting and its problems as complex as they have ever been. The political, social and economic upheavals that shake the foundations of society affect every child in time and rob all children, in varying degrees, of some part of the background of security that is so essential to stability and serenity of character. The decline in the teaching of religion by parents has been so rapid during the second quarter of this century that, no matter what religious instruction they may have received at school, many boys are almost unaware of the simplest facts of the Christian faith.

The religious foundation of conduct is thus not only undermined, but may even be removed. National characteristics such as honesty, loyalty and duty are often placed in jeopardy by conduct, even when they are not openly challenged ; and many a boy in his first months at work comes into contact with disaffected elements among his adult companions who preach the doctrine of doing as little as possible for the maximum reward. Such propaganda may have dire effects on his character and disastrous consequences for the nation. The relatively high wages now being paid to many boys have brought within their normal expectations a wide range of leisure-time pursuits on which money has been lavished to make them materially attractive in a way that no boys' club is, or would wish to be. But the danger of commercialized entertainment lies in its effect on character, for though some of it is admirable, much is shallow and negative, or even squalid and debased.

National Service is only a few years ahead for the large majority of boys when they start work. To the sensible and wisely guided boy this coming break in his working life does not deter him from settling down in his job with a determination to succeed and to get on. But for a great many boys the prospect ahead is unsettling, particularly as it draws nearer. We are thinking especially of those boys who lack stability or have not been wisely guided or maybe have not heeded guidance given. Their only object is to get through the years before national service with the minimum of effort and the maximum reward.

Teachers, industrialists, leaders of religious thought and those engaged in all forms of social welfare are well aware of the influences to which we have very briefly referred and of others to which we make no reference. Not only must we understand these influences and have a very lively sympathy with those upon whom they play ; but we must also realize the task which they set the club leader, whether in his dealings with each individual member of his club or in his work for the club as a whole. The teacher, and to a much lesser extent, the industrialist, have certain sanctions they can impose as well as the authority of compulsion. No boys' club leader has, or would wish to possess, such authority, for the very essence of a club is the training for living in a free society which it offers to those who voluntarily become its members. The boys' club carries a long stage further the training for living which should begin at home and is continued at school. But it is wise to remember that there are limitations which affect all clubs to a greater or lesser degree and we should therefore be moderate in our claims. There is the limitation of time : a few hours an evening, or perhaps three or four nights a week, for, at the most, four years. Boys join clubs in their leisure time, of their own free will and for many different reasons. Whether they remain members and become keen and active depends, more than anything else, upon the quality of the leadership.

The Association's work for its clubs and their leaders may be very briefly summarized under three headings. First, it helps them to make the most of such buildings, equipment and money as can be found at a time when all are scarce. Second, it helps them to find the right kind of men and women for the multitude of jobs there are to do in boys' clubs and it aids those men and women to understand boys and their needs more fully. Third, by means of boys' clubs the Association helps their members to bring wisdom, unselfishness and courage as their contribution to home life, to their work, to their neighbourhood and so, collectively, to the country and to the world. And it does these things at a time when the responsibilities of manhood are growing.

THE TRAINING OF LEADERS

The Association was first able to appoint a secretary for training in 1935 with the help of a grant from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. During the next ten years expansion in this most important field of activity was limited only by the capacity of one man to do a nation-wide task. By 1945 the growth of boys' clubs had reached the point where more staff and facilities were essential to progress and in order to make the best use of those men who had developed their powers of leadership in the Forces and who wanted to work in boys' clubs on their return to civilian life. With a substantial grant from the Carnegie Trust, aid from the Ministry of Education and from subscribers, a residential training centre was opened at St. Pierre, Chepstow. Two kinds of courses have been arranged and have been generously supported by annual grants from the King George's Jubilee Trust.

The first kind of course is of six months' duration for carefully selected men wishing to work full-time in clubs. By April, 1952, these courses had been taken by 175 men. Only five had failed to pass the final examination and 33 had obtained a first class from a board of external examiners of which Professor M. Ginsberg is chairman. The selection board for these courses has been careful to maintain a minimum standard, but the always limited field of recruitment has now become even more restricted and only eleven men could be selected for the 1951/52 course.

There are probably two main reasons for this. The financial prospects are very poor and, for all but a few men, full-time club leadership offers a career for only a limited period. The importance of the problem is such that the Minister of Education asked the National Advisory Council on the Training and Supply of Teachers to report upon it. The Advisory Council's recommendations on training inevitably involve expenditure of public funds and seem unlikely to be implemented in the near future. But it also recommended that a committee should be appointed to consider salaries and conditions of service. There is some prospect of this committee being set up. Its task will be a difficult one because the comparatively small number of clubs with full-time leaders can only pay better salaries if they can gain greater financial support and statutory aid is not likely to be increased in present circumstances. The shortage of suitable men for full-time club leadership is great and there are many vacancies to fill. The Association is hoping to hold a further six-months' course in 1952/53.

The second kind of course at St. Pierre is for voluntary leaders ; it is also residential and lasts for one month. There are no other courses comparable to these. Fourteen of them have been held and over 350 men have attended. One course will be held in 1952.

The influence on the standard of club work by those who have attended St. Pierre is very noticeable, and through its sponsorship of these courses the King George's Jubilee Trust has made a significant contribution to boys' clubs.

For many years the Association has assisted with the planning and staffing of short local courses for leaders. This work was very substantially increased in 1948 when a Mobile Training Wing was started with the aid of the King George's Jubilee Trust both for capital outlay and annual expenditure. Most of the leaders who give their leisure to helping boys' clubs have neither the resources nor further time to devote to any extensive period of training. Their need is for an easily adaptable and readily accessible type of training which meets the particular needs of the immediate situation. The Mobile Training Wing staff, with their van and simple equipment, have arranged courses at which there has been an average attendance of more than 2,500 people a year. Financial considerations have made it necessary to reduce the staff from three to two, and to restrict the tours of the Wing to eight months during this year.

THE TEACHING OF RELIGION

The objects of the Association are to promote the mental, physical and spiritual well-being of boys by the establishment and development of boys' clubs. Most boys enjoy games and physical activity, given the opportunity. Some boys are interested in arts and crafts, music, drama and literature, the number usually depending in any given club on the quality and manner of instruction.

As regards the spiritual well-being of boys, there were many club leaders and others in 1943 who were not satisfied that this object was always understood or acted on as thoroughly as might be. A Commission, presided over by the late Viscount Caldecote, was asked to advise on what the Association's policy should be about religion in boys' clubs and to suggest how that policy should be put into effect. In the following year the Commission's report was unanimously adopted. Its conclusions, very briefly summarized, were that the choice before every club leader is whether he will train his members along Christian or secular lines ; and that there can only be one answer for those who seriously ponder the objective they are trying to achieve—namely, that their task will be seen as the laying down of the foundation of Christian belief and practice in a boy's life. The Commission was of the opinion that the real difficulty is not so much in the boy as in the leader, and particularly in his perplexity about the right method of presentation, so that the boy may have the chance of being introduced to the best that Christian thought and experience can offer him and thereby, in the fullness of time, make his own free choice.

Club leaders will know whether they have made their choice and what help they need if the gift of friendship that counts most in club work is to play the part it ought to play in helping their members to discover that the purpose of life is the service of God.

There is no part of their work in which leaders are more conscious of their own shortcomings and in which they are more anxious for help. During the past year the Association's religious adviser has given constant attention to this subject. He has further extended the number of honorary advisers who are available to help club leaders locally. He has continued, through training courses, to make his contacts with club leaders as wide as possible. He has extended the series of Letters to Leaders, which began early in 1951 with four letters on the Christian answer to Communism, by a further nine letters attempting to give positive consideration to the Christian faith and then starting on the problem of presenting this faith. To supplement this the Association has published some notes for the use of club leaders, prepared by Mr. Hubert Secretan and entitled *An Approach to the Christian Faith.*

DEVELOPMENT AND STANDARDS OF WORK

The numerical growth of the Association may be divided into five stages. The first is the six years from 1926 to 1931, which were largely occupied with the formation of the Association and exploration of the ground so far as this was within the compass of a very small staff. The second stage began in 1931 with the publication of *Principles and Aims of the Boys' Club Movement.* It continued until 1939, and headquarters, field and training staff were appointed. During those years eleven county associations were founded as the counterparts of the old-established city federations of clubs and the number of affiliated clubs was multiplied two and a half times, reaching over 1,600 by the outbreak of war. During this period the Royal Charter of Incorporation was granted ; statutory aid became available under the Physical Training and Recreation Act and from the Commissioners for the Special Areas ; and the Association appointed special staff to advise on physical recreation, drama, arts, crafts and club buildings.

The third stage is that of the war years when the Service of Youth was established and statutory aid became available on a far greater scale than previously, to supplement and to fortify voluntary action. In spite of an initial sharp decline in numbers, the absence of most young men, and all the problems inherent in a nation at war, those years brought further growth ; so that by 1945 there were nearly 2,200 affiliated clubs.

The fourth stage is the shortest and reached its end and its climax sometime in 1948/49. It was a time when hopes were very high and a multitude of young men, many with ideals to express and to practise, were returning home. In every field of endeavour expansion was the order of the day. These years included the National Appeal for boys' clubs which arose from the story of the men of Oflag 79, and many new developments flowed from the response to that appeal. In 1949 the number of affiliated clubs reached 2,800 and the membership 210,000.

The fifth stage is in progress and neither the end nor the outcome can yet be seen. The indications are that it will be long and the way hard, as indeed it has already been. In these years the influences on boys, to which we referred earlier in this report, have been most marked in their consequences. Economic and political crises have succeeded one another at intervals, and the financial problems of the country have been reflected in a reduction of statutory aid and in rising costs of every kind. Thus, despite real and successful efforts to economize, the expenditure of the Association and of its clubs still exceeds an income which is itself not fixed but uncertain.

In the three or four years of this last stage the movement of people from overcrowded slums to new towns or to estates on the outskirts of great cities has been gathering momentum. This has left some of the oldest boys' clubs with too few boys for their large and expensive premises, while the newly populated areas are without boys' clubs at all. As yet there is neither the money nor the necessary permission to build the clubs that are needed, and in these new areas there are no old buildings to convert.

Moreover, the adolescent population, which has been falling steadily owing to the low birth rate of the 1930's, has reached its lowest point but will soon rise sharply to reach its maximum in the 1960's. In spite of these and other factors the numerical strength of the Association in 1952 is 2,560 affiliated clubs with 190,000 members, of whom 83 per cent. are aged fourteen years and over.

During these last few years a good deal has been written in books and in the Press by people anxious to seek the cause of much which they find disquieting in the conduct of boys and girls ; and not infrequently writers make a scapegoat of the Youth Service of which boys' clubs are a part. Some of this literature has been good, informed and helpful to club leaders and others concerned in the boys' clubs. But there has also been much misinformed criticism, amounting at times almost to unprovoked hostility, and those who are engaged in boys' club work have problems of sufficient magnitude to deal with without having to defend themselves against these attacks.

The Association itself has been looking very critically at its work and, owing to the need for economy, it has pruned what is not considered absolutely essential to its life and purpose. This pruning process has resulted in the closing of the centre for training in the Arts and in a substantial reduction of field staff. The Association has also limited its specialist staff to two—the advisers on religion and physical recreation.

Consolidation has been the order of the day, but there has been no stagnation. Two new county associations have been formed so that there are now 25 covering 27 of the counties of England. The camping and training centre at Nash Court, established with a grant from the South African Aid to Britain Fund, is a focal point not only for camping, but also for adventure courses designed to recruit for clubs the kind of boys they sometimes miss. In Birmingham the Federation has launched the training barge "Norman Chamberlain." Its success exceeds all expectations.

The Association's teams have won both the Junior Football Championship of Great Britain and the Inter-Youth Organizations Boxing Championships. The number of clubs and boys taking part in the Regional Arts Festivals has continued to grow.

In our last report we referred to the starting of the National Boys' Club. The first two meetings for candidates were held at Ford Castle in 1951 and of the 42 boys who attended, 40 were subsequently elected to membership. The intention of the club is to give club members, adjudged by their own club leaders to have served their clubs well, an opportunity to meet and live together for a week in a club atmosphere, and there to learn more of their responsibilities, not only to their clubs but to their country. The boys who are nominated to attend the meetings for candidates are approaching their eighteenth year ; for that reason, and in order that they shall play a full part in shaping the future of the National Boys' Club, the scheme has been defined in broad terms. The boys who were elected members in 1951 have held two week-end meetings since, one in Nottingham and the other in Windsor, and they have borne the full cost themselves. Some of the members are now in the Forces, but a close link is being maintained with them. Those members who are able will attend a week's meeting at Ford this summer where three weeks will also be set aside for meetings of this year's candidates. Those associated with the National Boys' Club are not given to making exaggerated claims ; but they have great hopes for its future and the substantial body of leadership it may provide, which will be linked by a tangible bond of membership that has not hitherto existed between old club members.

WORK WITH INDUSTRY

By its very existence a good boys' club makes a valuable contribution to the industrial life of the country. But in 1947 the Association decided to carry out an initial experiment to test whether it could make an even more specific contribution. In co-operation with a few firms, the youth employment service and the appropriate trade unions, a residential course was held for 30 boys who had just started work. The object of the course was not to give vocational guidance in any form, but to discover whether there was a need to help boys to adjust their ideas to the sudden change from school to work and to help them develop a right attitude to work. This experiment convinced all who had taken part that the need certainly existed and that it was a very real one.

Further experimental work was done and now, with the aid of the King George's Jubilee Trust and with the steadily increasing interest and co-operation of industry, these courses are an established part of the Association's work.

In 1950/51 there were 9 courses; in 1951/52 there were 16 courses and for 1952/53 no less than 30 are planned. Cotton, coal and steel firms in Lancashire and a large variety of firms in Cumberland, Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Kent, Liverpool and Wolverhampton, as well as many iron, steel, and engineering firms in South Wales and in Bristol, have taken part in these courses. So have local authorities, particularly in Northumberland, in courses for boys during their last term at school.

A right attitude to work is absolutely vital to the life of the country. The Association can only deal with a very small number of the boys who leave school and enter industry each year. But there is ample testimony from the firms that have taken part, from trade unions which have co-operated, from statutory authorities whose help has been substantial, and from the boys themselves, that through Adjustment to Industry courses the Association is making a very worth-while contribution to the life of the country.

STAFF

In the past year four members of the staff have completed 21 years of service to the Association. They are Mr. E. F. Piercy, Captain R. T. Thornton, Miss M. Wilcox, and Miss M. K. Turner. The Council has recorded its keen appreciation of their services and its congratulations to them. In July, Captain R. T. Thornton will be retiring. He was senior field secretary from 1931 to 1945 and has been warden of St. Pierre for the past six and a half years. This report has indicated something of the growth and change which has taken place in the 21 years during which he has served the Association so well and played a leading part in much of its work. Captain Thornton's outstanding services have been recognized by Her Majesty the Queen by appointing him a Member of the Order of the British Empire. The Council has recorded its appreciation of his work and its good wishes to him in his retirement.

FINANCE, 1951/52

The whole Association is grateful to the many people, firms and other voluntary subscribers who have once again sustained its work. Their confidence has been an inspiration and a constant incentive to grapple with difficulties, to plan with determination and to serve the best interests of the nation by caring for the growing generation of boys who are in boys' clubs or who need the influence of a good boys' club.

The generous aid of the King George's Jubilee Trust, extended so consistently for 15 years, has continued although on a somewhat reduced scale owing to the Trust's need to limit its grants to the income it has available. For 21 years the Trustees of the London Parochial Charities have made funds available to the Association and the London Federation of Boys' Clubs for the benefit of clubs in the metropolitan area. This liberal and unfailing support has played a notable part in improving the standards of club work in London. The Ministry of Education grant has remained unchanged for the fifth year in succession, and the Association is much indebted for this and also for the liberal and helpful attitude of the Ministry's staff.

As a result of constant vigilance over expenditure and unremitting efforts to maintain and to increase income, the Association's expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 1952, was £1,200 less than had been estimated a year earlier and its income £2,600 greater. In spite of these efforts the excess of expenditure over income amounted to £4,683, of which sum, as the Balance Sheet shows, £1,730 was offset by legacies and gifts for capital purposes. The capital funds of the Association were therefore depleted by some £2,950, compared with a gain of £8,100 in the previous year.

It will be noted from the income and expenditure account that the economies effected have reduced expenditure by £4,000 compared with the previous year when, in turn, expenditure was £6,500 lower than in the year ended 31st March, 1950. In total, therefore, expenditure has been reduced by £10,500 during a time of rising costs. As a consequence of this, and because income from voluntary sources has been steadily increased, the alarming deficits of the immediate post-war years have given place to a much more satisfactory position. There is no danger, however, that the Association is becoming complacent, for it fully realizes that the future bristles with problems.

FINANCE, 1952/53

In the coming year the Association's grant from the Ministry of Education will be reduced by £2,000 as a consequence of economies forced upon the Ministry by the economic problems of the country and the greater school population. The grants from the King George's Jubilee Trust allocated for specific parts of the Association's work will be £1,850 lower than those received in 1951/52. To meet this situation it is hoped to effect further economies to the extent of some £4,000. But some of the income from voluntary sources received in 1951/52, such as the gifts to the Broadcast Appeal so kindly made by Dr. Hill, will not recur and the Council is having to face the likelihood of a deficit of over £7,000.

There are two ways in which every effort will be made not only to reduce this deficit but to meet it. The first will be by trying to persuade more clubs to take part in Club

Week and thus to ensure the help of club members to an increasing extent in meeting the financial needs of their Association as well as of their own clubs. The Association receives only 15 per cent. of Club Week proceeds ; the remainder stays in the locality where it was raised. Although rather more clubs took part in Club Week, 1951, than a year earlier, the gross proceeds of £8,700 were less than in the previous year. To educate club members to give is one of the most important tasks confronting club leaders and club management committees. The future history of the Association will depend very considerably on the extent to which club members share, as they are capable of sharing, the responsibility of securing the funds needed for its work.

The Finance Committee is constantly seeking new support from industry and these efforts will be continued. The Association is a partner with industry as this report has already attempted to show. It is confident that both its old and new friends will maintain their help and will aid in extending the number of the Association's supporters.

" It is to youth that the future belongs," and all that we can do to-day to help the growing generation to be wise, unselfish and brave will yield a rich harvest in the years ahead.

ABERDARE,
Chairman of the Council.

R. E. GOODWIN,
General Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st MARCH 1952

BALANCE SHEET

1951 £		£	£	£
	GENERAL FUNDS:			
	Capital Fund:			
	Balance at 31st March, 1951		75,314	
	Add Legacies and Special Donation received during year	1,457		
	Transfer from Training Centres Fund	272		
			1,729	
			77,043	
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended 31st March, 1952		4,683	
75,313				72,360
	National Appeal Account:			
	Balance at 31st March, 1951		43,654	
	Add Refund received during year		18	
			43,672	
	Less Transfer to National Appeal Allocations Account		4,115	
43,654				39,557
	National Appeal Allocations Account:			
	Balance not allocated at 31st March, 1951		1,054	
	Add Transfer from National Appeal Account		4,115	
			5,169	
	Less Grant allocated during year		20	
			5,149	
	Amounts allocated but not yet paid		2,275	
3,634				7,424
	Training Centres Fund:			
	Subscriptions received during year		273	
	Less Transfer to Capital Fund		273	
—				—
5,328	Bank Overdraft			—
60,317	Creditors, Loans and Amounts Received in Advance (including £55,000 in respect of Loans)			60,636
188,246				179,977
	GRANTS AND SPECIAL FUNDS:			
	Unexpended Balances:			
	Tommy Handley Memorial Fund	11,875		
	London Parochial Charities Fund	23		
	Mitchell Memorial Library Fund	65		
			11,963	
	Creditors		77	
12,228				12,040
£200,474				£192,017

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the Balance Sheet of the National Association of Boys' Clubs as at 31st March, 1952, together with the annexed General and Special Funds Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1952, and have compared them with the books kept by the Association and find them to be in accordance therewith. We have tested the accuracy of the receipts and payments and have verified the Cash at Bank and in Hand. We have obtained certificates from the Association's Bankers and a firm of Solicitors that the invest-

31ST MARCH, 1952

1951 £		£	£	£
	GENERAL FUNDS :			
	Balances at Bankers and Cash in Hand :			
	Balances at Bankers :			
	Deposit Accounts		3,406	
	Current Accounts		5,180	
			8,586	
	Cash in Hand		240	
15,013				8,826
	Investments, at cost :			
	£2,500 3% Defence Bonds		2,500	
	£50,000 London Electric Transport Finance Corporation Ltd. 2½% Guaranteed Debenture Stock 1950/55		49,555	
	£11,400 2½% National War Bonds 1954/56		12,006	
	£40,000 3½% War Stock		41,415	
105,476	*£99,735* (Market Value £91,565)			105,476
8,064	Sundry Debtors, Loans to Clubs and Payments in Advance			6,937
595	Stocks of Publications, Badges, etc.			846
	Office Equipment, Furniture, etc. :			
	Balance at 31st March, 1951		914	
	Less Sales during year		82	
			832	
	Less Depreciation		82	
914				750
	Motor Cars and Van :			
	Balance at 31st March, 1951		1,239	
	Less Sale during year		235	
			1,004	
	Less Depreciation		244	
1,239				760
	Training Centres :			
	Equipment :			
	Balance at 31st March, 1951	9,313		
	Additions, less sales, during year	254		
		9,567		
	Less Depreciation	956		
9,313			8,611	
	Freehold Property :			
	Balance at 31st March, 1951	47,632		
	Additions during year	139		
47,632			47,771	
				56,382
188,246				179,977
	GRANTS AND SPECIAL FUNDS :			
	Balances at Bankers :			
	Deposit Accounts	9,412		
	Current Accounts	2,597		
			12,009	
	Debtor		31	
12,228				12,040
£200,474				£192,017

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ments are held on behalf of the Association, and from the Association's Bankers that certain title deeds of the freehold property not inspected by us are also so held.

We are of the opinion that such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Association's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Association.

67 Watling Street, London, E.C.4. *25th July,* 1952. *BLACK, GEOGHEGAN & TILL,*
Chartered Accountants.

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCO

1951 £	1951 £		£	£
		To Headquarters Administration :		
	6,534	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	6,232	
	464	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	497	
	478	Rent, Rates and Land Tax	814	
	212	Lighting and Heating	214	
	1,993	Postages, Printing, Stationery, and Telephone	1,866	
	757	Repairs and Maintenance	624	
	313	Travelling Expenses	270	
	359	Office Expenses and Insurance	231	
	100	Audit Fee	138	
	—	Legal Charges	42	
	15	Loan Interest	15	
	102	Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment ...	82	
	11,327		11,025	
	5,663	*Less* Allocation for Development, Training, Specialist Advisers, etc.	5,512	
5,664				5,513
		,, Development :		
	6,522	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	4,664	
	514	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	358	
	1,888	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses...	1,837	
	2,614	Travelling, Car and Sundry Expenses... ...	1,958	
	850	Grants for Development	984	
	165	Depreciation of Cars	95	
12,553				9,896
		,, Training :		
		Leader and Senior Boy Training :		
	5,054	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	5,428	
	345	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	333	
	1,888	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	1,838	
	1,602	Travelling and Van Expenses	1,691	
	112	Grants to Leaders' Training Courses ...	153	
	234	Grants to Senior Boy Training Courses ...	235	
	429	Sundry and Course Expenses	308	
	250	Depreciation of Van	70	
9,914				10,056
		Religious Training :		
	1,247	Salaries and National Insurance	1,295	
	24	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	32	
	236	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	230	
	443	Travelling and Sundry Expenses	554	
	—	Publications	227	
1,950				2,338
		Physical Recreation Training :		
	1,483	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	1,135	
	122	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	107	
	472	Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses	459	
	452	Travelling and Car Expenses	261	
	178	National Sport—Net Cost	234	
	268	Sundry Expenses	95	
	—	Depreciation of Car	33	
2,975				2,324
33,056		forward		30,127

NT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1952

1951				
£	£		£	£
		By Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies :		
	16,360	Annual Subscriptions	15,402	
	13,169	Donations	6,854	
	1,120	Club Week—Net Proceeds	1,117	
	—	Broadcast Appeal	889	
30,649				24,262
		,, Grants :		
	20,000	Ministry of Education	20,000	
	4,115	King George's Jubilee Trust	2,610	
	475	London Parochial Charities	200	
24,590				22,810
1,883		,, Interest received		1,966
589		,, Affiliation Fees		537
406		,, Sundry Income		443
		,, Training Centres :		
		St. Pierre :		
	2,395	Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc. ...	2,219	
	189	Rents	189	
	2,500	King George's Jubilee Trust Grant ...	2,000	
	23	Sundry Receipts	21	
5,107				4,429
		Ford Castle :		
	1,261	Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc. ...	1,388	
	463	Subscriptions and Donations	491	
	968	Interest received	1,250	
2,692				3,129
		Nash Court :		
	3,777	Course Fees, Visitors' Payments, etc. ...	5,327	
	32	Rents	30	
	400	King George's Jubilee Trust Grant ...	—	
	294	Subscriptions and Donations	259	
	8	Sundry Receipts	44	
4,511				5,660
346		Bakers Cross		—
70,773		forward		63,236

1951				
£	£		£	£
33,056		forward		30,127
		To Training Centres :		
		St. Pierre :		
	3,874	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	3,899	
	270	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	291	
	251	Rates and Insurance	248	
	1,154	Repairs and Maintenance	964	
	611	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning	684	
	1,241	Catering	1,341	
	109	Garden Expenses	131	
	422	Course and Sundry Expenses	329	
	957	Residential Voluntary Leaders' Courses ...	382	
	337	Travelling and Car Expenses	378	
	197	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	139	
	526	Accommodation at and Travelling to Clubs	427	
	428	Bursaries	277	
	466	Depreciation of Equipment	409	
10,843				9,899
		Ford Castle :		
	1,526	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	1,790	
	26	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	30	
	365	Rates and Insurance	404	
	591	Repairs, Maintenance and Garden Expenses	442	
	522	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning ...	615	
	768	Catering	847	
	365	Travelling and Car Expenses	346	
	114	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	97	
	44	Bursaries	—	
	170	Course and Sundry Expenses	323	
	125	Reserve for Interest	125	
	235	Depreciation of Car and Equipment ...	225	
4,851				5,244
		Nash Court :		
	1,669	Salaries, Wages and National Insurance ...	1,855	
	58	Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance ...	64	
	186	Rent, Rates and Insurance	246	
	256	Repairs and Maintenance	195	
	459	Lighting, Heating, Laundry and Cleaning ...	553	
	1,845	Catering	2,672	
	51	Garden Expenses	23	
	621	Travelling and Car Expenses	688	
	101	Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	84	
	101	Sundry Expenses	268	
	125	Amount written off Freehold Property ...	—	
	464	Depreciation of Equipment	368	
5,936				7,016
1,466		Bakers Cross		—
56,152		forward		52,286

1951				
£	£		£	£
70,773		forward		63,236
70,773		forward		63,236

1951 £	£						£	£
56,152				forward				52,286
				To Specialist Advisers :				
	1,648			Salaries, Honoraria and Fees			1,870	
	81			Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance			82	
	472			Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses			459	
	181			Travelling Expenses			189	
	185			Regional Arts Festivals			371	
	16			Sundry Expenses			17	
	17			Depreciation of Drama Library, etc.			—	
2,600								2,988
				,, Research :				
	1,365			Salaries, Wages and National Insurance			1,401	
	128			Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance			133	
	81			Rent			50	
	24			Lighting and Heating			25	
	108			Postages, Printing, Stationery and Telephone			46	
	23			Travelling Expenses			11	
	38			Sundry Expenses			107	
1,767								1,773
				,, Public Relations and Publicity :				
	127			Salaries, Wages, Pensions Scheme and National Insurance			268	
	471			Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses			459	
	414			Publicity, Literature, etc.			358	
	101			Printing and Stationery			229	
1,113								1,314
				,, Publications :				
	911			Salaries, Wages and National Insurance			976	
	82			Pensions Scheme and Life Assurance			87	
	236			Proportion of H.Q. Administration Expenses			230	
	4			Travelling and Sundry Expenses			4	
				" The Boy " :				
		615		Printing and Postage		£536		
			75	*Less* Subscriptions	68			
			166	Advertisements	72			
		241				140		
		374				396		
		227		*Less* Profits on Other Publications		62		
	147						334	
1,380								1,631
				,, Sundry Expenses :				
	44			Annual Conference			63	
	55			Contributions to Other Societies			38	
	—			Picture Scheme			5	
99								106
8,745				,, Allocation to Trust Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes				7,821
£71,856								£67,919

1951 £	£		£	£
70,773		forward		63,236
1,083		*By* Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year, as per Balance Sheet		4,683
£71,856				£67,919

SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AC

		£	£
Bellingham Playing Field, Rental Account :			
Rent, Tithe, Insurance, etc.		364	
Payment to London Federation of Boys' Clubs		230	
Balance due to London Federation of Boys' Clubs		31	
			625
Tommy Handley Memorial Fund :			
Balance at 31st March, 1952			11,875
London Parochial Charities Fund :			
Grants paid during year		1,931	
Grants allocated to Clubs but not yet paid		46	
Balance at 31st March, 1952		23	
			2,000
Mitchell Memorial Library Fund :			
Grants made during year		12	
Balance at 31st March, 1952		66	
			78
Trust Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes :			
Grants to Area Organizations		13,821	
Grants to N.A.B.C. General Funds for :			
Training	£1,600		
Research	1,010		
St. Pierre	2,000		
		4,610	
			18,431
			£33,009

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	£	£
llingham Playing Field, Rental Account :		
Rents Receivable		625
mmy Handley Memorial Fund :		
Balance at 31st March, 1951		11,875
ndon Parochial Charities Fund :		
Grant received during year		2,000
itchell Memorial Library Fund :		
Balance at 31st March, 1951		78
ust Fund for Grants to Area Organizations and for Special Purposes :		
Grants Received from the King George's Jubilee Trust	10,610	
Allocation from General Income and Expenditure Account ...	7,821	
		18,431
		£33,009

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